

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
May 28, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN KENDRA BROOKS
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY GAUTHIER
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN JIM HARRITY
COUNCILMAN CURTIS J. JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN RUE LANDAU
COUNCILWOMAN QUETCY M. LOZADA
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN NICOLAS O'ROURKE
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS
COUNCILMAN JEFFREY YOUNG, JR.

ELIZABETH MCCOLLUM NAZARIO, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Members, please take your
4 seats. All visitors, please retire
5 to the seats outside the rails. I
6 note that the hour has come and
7 that a quorum of this City Council
8 is present. I ask all those who
9 are present to please set your cell
10 phones to silent and/or vibrate.

11 To give our invocation
12 this morning, the Chair recognizes
13 Archbishop Dr. Mary Floyd Palmer,
14 Presiding Prelate of the
15 Philadelphia Council of Clergy and
16 the Founding Pastor of the
17 Samaritan Temple. She is here
18 today as the guest of Councilmember
19 Dr. Nina Ahmad. She's also a
20 member of the illustrious sorority
21 Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. I will ask all
22 members and guests to please rise.

23 (Councilmembers, guests
24 and visitors rise.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Archbishop, the floor is
4 yours.

5 ARCHBISHOP DR. FLOYD

6 PALMER: Thank you, Mr. President.

7 Good morning, everyone.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Good morning.

10 ARCHBISHOP DR. FLOYD

11 PALMER: Let us pray. God of our
12 weary years, God of our silent
13 tears, Thou who has brought us thus
14 far on the way, Thou who has, by
15 Thy might, led us into the light,
16 keep us forever in the path.

17 We pray, O God, our help
18 in ages past, our hope for years to
19 come, a shelter from the stormy
20 blast and our eternal home. It is a
21 good day, God, that we have come
22 here together to carry on the
23 business of this august body.
24 First, we thank you for all of the

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2 leadership of our city, our Mayor,
3 and the leadership of this Council,
4 our Council President, Majority and
5 Minority Leaders and all of those
6 members in their respective places.

7 Now, God, as we continue
8 to do business on behalf of the
9 people, for those who have been
10 elected and chose to serve, we
11 pray, God, that you will endow them
12 with wisdom, knowledge,
13 understanding and even common
14 sense. We pray, God, that they
15 will be doing it for the better
16 part of the whole and not for the
17 selfish part, but that those that
18 are relying on them to be their
19 voice, they will do so with
20 fidelity and integrity.

21 We ask, God, that you
22 will continue to cover and keep
23 them in a time where violence and
24 political violence is bringing

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2 about division and it's being
3 targeted. We pray that you will
4 cover each one attached to them,
5 cover their families and those that
6 know them by blood or law.

7 We pray that you will
8 carry them from here to there
9 without incident or accident. And
10 we pray, God, that because they are
11 a servant serving for you,
12 according to Romans Chapter 13, in
13 which they are called to do the
14 work of the government, we pray
15 that you will continue to lead them
16 and guide them in all truth and
17 that the truth shall win.

18 We do speak against
19 those with ulterior motives who may
20 bring about harm, destruction
21 and/or division, but unite us even
22 more, even right now. And despite
23 what may be happening all around
24 the rest of this nation, let the

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2 cradle of liberty, the City of
3 Philadelphia become more united
4 than divided, and that your grace,
5 your mercy and your peace will fall
6 upon this city, that as violence
7 de-escalates and that as
8 neighborhoods blossom once again,
9 we will all be able to come
10 together with the common good, for
11 the common man, the common woman,
12 the old, the young and those that
13 are hoped, the least, the last and
14 the lost will not be forgotten.

15 And if you do this
16 through us, in us, and to us, we
17 will be careful to give you the
18 honor, the glory and the praise
19 that is due you. We thank you. In
20 the name of God the Father, who is
21 our creator, in the name of Jesus
22 Christ our Savior, in whom I
23 believe, and in the name of the
24 Holy Ghost that covers and keeps

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2 us, and to all others who may call
3 God by the name of which they love,
4 we will say, Amen, Amen, and Amen.

5 (Amen.)

6 ARCHBISHOP DR. FLOYD

7 PALMER: God bless you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
10 Archbishop for the Invocation.

11 Council will now be at
12 ease.

13 (Council at ease.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: The next order of
16 business is the Approval of the
17 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
18 May 14, 2026.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Majority Deputy Whip
21 Cindy Bass.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 I move that the Journal

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2 of the meeting of Thursday, May 14,
3 2026 be approved.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that the Journal
8 of the meeting of Thursday, May 14,
9 2026 stand approved.

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
18 Journal is approved.

19 The next order of
20 business is request for leaves of
21 absence. The Chair recognizes
22 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
23 Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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2 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you,
3 Mr. President.

4 On behalf of the
5 Majority, there are no requests for
6 leaves of absence today.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
9 Majority Leader.

10 The Chair now recognizes
11 Councilmember Minority Leader
12 Kendra Brooks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 On behalf of the
16 Minority, there are no requests for
17 leaves of absence today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 The Chair now recognizes
21 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
22 Richardson for a motion concerning
23 certain legislative matters that
24 may arise during the course of

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2 today's session of Council and that
3 were not listed on the Calendar
4 circulated prior to today's Council
5 session.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

7 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
8 Mr. President.

9 I move that any of the
10 following matters, if considered
11 today, may be added to the agenda
12 for this session of Council and, as
13 required by law, subsequently
14 published on an amended agenda
15 after the consideration of those
16 matters: resolutions authorizing
17 hearings, amendments to bills on
18 first reading, the reconsideration
19 of a bill vetoed by or re-called
20 from the Mayor, amendments to bills
21 re-called from the Mayor,
22 resolutions taking substantive
23 action to be voted on in this
24 session, a motion to withdraw a

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2 bill or resolution that is not on
3 the Calendar, and a motion placing
4 a bill or resolution on or
5 returning a bill or resolution from
6 the Suspension Calendar that is not
7 listed on today's Calendar.

8 The purpose of this
9 motion is to provide the public
10 with notice concerning possible
11 actions by Council that arose too
12 late to be included on the Calendar
13 that was published prior to today's
14 session.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that the
19 legislative matters stated by
20 Councilmember Majority Leader
21 Katherine Gilmore Richardson may be
22 added to the agenda for today
23 should those matters arise during
24 the course of this session of

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2 council.

3 All those in favor will
4 indicate by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
11 motion carries.

12 The Chair will dispense
13 with the regular order of business
14 to recognize the guests and
15 visitors joining us in City Council
16 Chambers this morning. On behalf
17 of all members of City Council, I
18 welcome you to our Council session.
19 We appreciate your taking the time
20 to join us as we attend to the
21 legislative affairs of our great
22 city. We certainly invite you to
23 come again.

24 At this time, the Chair

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2 recognizes Majority Leader

3 Katherine Gilmore Richardson.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

5 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you,

6 Mr. President.

7 Please join me in

8 welcoming 8th grade Language Arts

9 students from Baldi Middle School,

10 who are visiting us in City Council

11 today to see the ins-and-outs of

12 their local government firsthand.

13 I ask you all to stand. Stand up,

14 Baldi.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

17 RICHARDSON: They are here with

18 their teacher, Mr. Matthew Mandel,

19 who I had the pleasure of meeting

20 when I moderated a discussion on

21 the AFT President Randy

22 Weingarten's new book Why Fascists

23 Fear Teachers a few months ago, and

24 it's a good book.

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2 Mr. Mandel has brought
3 his class to City Hall for years.
4 In fact, he still remembers the
5 very first time he visited this
6 body with his students, but today's
7 visit is extra special because this
8 year Mr. Mandel is retiring. He's
9 a National Board Certified teacher
10 since 2010. He has also served on
11 the Executive Board for the
12 Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
13 since 2002.

14 And in 2025, he received
15 a Lindback Award for distinguished
16 teaching. Though today's visit is
17 bittersweet, we thank you so much,
18 Mr. Mandel, for your years of
19 service to our young people and to
20 our city. You are leaving a
21 lasting legacy that will shape
22 students for years to come. Again,
23 please join me in welcoming these
24 bright students to Philadelphia

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2 City Council today and
3 congratulating Mr. Mandel on a
4 well-deserved retirement.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Minority Whip Nicolas
10 O'Rourke.

11 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

12 Thank you, Mr. President.

13 I would like to welcome
14 to the chamber -- about a year ago,
15 a little bit later in the day, I
16 was watching my life change before
17 my eyes, where that was the day
18 that I witnessed the birth of my
19 son. So today is -- it's crazy,
20 because the days after that were a
21 bit challenging for us. Many of
22 you know that, and I shared as
23 much, and many of the folks in this
24 institution, as well as folks

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2 around this city, prayed for us, my
3 family, my wife, myself as well as
4 my son.

5 But today is the first
6 birthday of Augusta Leslie
7 O'Rourke. Leslie, can you stand up
8 and show our son.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
11 Y'all show some love to my baby
12 boy.

13 Thank you,
14 Mr. President.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: You're welcome.

17 You want to also
18 acknowledge the First Lady, sir?
19 You want to go ahead, sir?

20 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

21 And the Queen of my life --

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: There you go, there you
24 go.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE: --

3 the peanut butter to my jelly, the
4 hummus to my pita bread, my wife
5 for life, Ms. Leslie O'Rourke.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

9 Chair recognizes

10 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 I'd like to take this
14 opportunity to acknowledge two of
15 the guests that I have here today.
16 First, Mr. Jamal Johnson. Many of
17 you might remember Jamal. Jamal,
18 in addition to being a veteran who
19 served our country for many years,
20 all throughout the pandemic people
21 could see Jamal protesting the gun
22 violence that was skyrocketing in
23 our communities, encouraging people
24 to come out on their own blocks to

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2 keep the peace in their
3 neighborhoods, and he even launched
4 a 26-day hunger strike in 2020 to
5 support my resolution that Mayor
6 Kenney declare a gun violence
7 emergency.

8 He is somebody who I
9 will always consider a friend and
10 who is very inspiring to me. And
11 today, Jamal is actually here with
12 his uncle Mr. Noel George Miles,
13 Jr., who we are honoring with a
14 resolution today. Mr. Miles is a
15 veteran and a renowned painter who,
16 among his many accomplishments,
17 painted the picture of City Hall
18 that we use on every single City
19 Council citation and engrossed
20 resolution. And you all will
21 remember seeing this all the time.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Can we give him a real

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2 big round of applause, especially
3 members of Council.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

6 We are so glad to have Mr. Miles
7 here today. Thank you so much.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

10 The Chair recognizes
11 Majority Deputy Whip Councilmember
12 Cindy Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 I wanted to ask everyone
16 to join me in welcoming Captain
17 Stuart McCoullum from the 14th
18 Police District, who is here today.
19 We are recognizing Northwest Police
20 brass and leadership, and we wanted
21 to say thank you so much for being
22 here and for your dedicated
23 service.

24 Captain McCoullum joined

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2 the 14th Police District in 2025
3 bringing more than 27 years of
4 distinguished service within the
5 Philadelphia Police Department, and
6 we really just wanted to recognize
7 him for his dedication,
8 professionalism, always available
9 and willing to help work out
10 situations and just really being
11 accessible and just a great person.
12 So thank you so much, Captain, for
13 all of your work for the
14 Philadelphia Police Department. On
15 behalf of the citizens of
16 Philadelphia, thank you for being
17 here today.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. I
21 also see the Philadelphia flag
22 lady, who's giving out the City of
23 Philadelphia flags today. Let's
24 give a round of applause please.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Good friends of our
5 Councilman Mark Squilla. Thank you
6 for being -- let's give her a round
7 of applause everyone. Thank you.
8 Appreciate your support.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:

10 (Inaudible).

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: No, we can't do that
13 today, but thank you for being here
14 though. Appreciate that.

15 Councilmember

16 Dr. Anthony Phillips.

17 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

18 Thank you, Council President.

19 I am pleased to
20 welcome -- we'll be doing a
21 presentation for her later. It is
22 in the district of Councilmember
23 Young, but Ms. Laurada Byers is
24 here today. And so, we'll be

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2 talking about her later. But I'm
3 also very, very pleased to welcome
4 the leader of the Tookany/Tacony-
5 Frankford Watershed, Justin
6 DiBerardinis, who is here today
7 with --

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

10 There he is. With all of these
11 individuals from different parts,
12 organizations in the City of
13 Philadelphia who are beginning this
14 work with me and City Council to
15 push for more funding for our
16 parks, recurring funding at an
17 equitable level for all of our
18 parks, and we understand how
19 important it is. So we want to
20 thank all of them for coming to
21 begin this campaign, so that we
22 could really fund our parks so they
23 could be among the best in the
24 nation.

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2 Thank you so much,
3 Council President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Good job, Member
6 Phillips. Every child deserves a
7 great park.

8 Councilmember Jeffrey
9 Jay Young from North Philly.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
11 you and good morning,
12 Mr. President.

13 Today I just want to
14 honor and acknowledge some students
15 from Community College of
16 Philadelphia's Gateway to College
17 Leadership Council. These are
18 students that are age 16 to 21 who
19 for some reason may have disengaged
20 from high school, but now they're
21 back on track at CCP earning their
22 high school diploma as well as
23 getting college credits as well.
24 So just want to acknowledge you

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2 students and thank you all for
3 being here today in City Council.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

7 At this time, the Chair
8 recognizes Councilmember Jamie
9 Gauthier, who will present a
10 resolution recognizing and honoring
11 the Sustainable Business Network,
12 also known as SBN of Greater
13 Philadelphia, on its 25th
14 anniversary for its outstanding
15 leadership in advancing a just,
16 green and thriving local economy,
17 and for its enduring commitment to
18 the independent businesses and
19 communities that make Philadelphia
20 thrive. Would Zoraida Cordero,
21 Executive Director, and those
22 accompanying her please join the
23 Councilmember at the podium.

24 Joining Councilmember

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2 Jamie Gauthier are the following
3 Councilmembers: Councilmember Rue
4 Landau, Councilmember Mark Squilla,
5 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada,
6 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke,
7 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad and
8 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

9 (Councilmembers and
10 guests approached podium.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

12 Good morning, everyone. For 25
13 years, the Sustainable Business
14 Network of Greater Philadelphia has
15 been proving that businesses can do
16 well by doing good, and it all
17 started in the 3rd Council District
18 at White Dog Cafe, where White Dog
19 and SBN founder Judy Wicks proved
20 that a restaurant couldn't just
21 survive but thrive by buying local
22 sustainable, in-season products and
23 treating their workers well.

24 This presentation is

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2 personal to me, because as some of
3 you may know, I served as the
4 Executive Director of SBN earlier
5 in my career. During my tenure,
6 SBN championed Green City, Clean
7 Waters, worked with former
8 Councilmember Maria Quinones-
9 Sanchez to expand the Sustainable
10 Business Tax credit, partnered with
11 the Commerce Department on the
12 Business Owners' Bill of Rights and
13 even broke from the rest of the
14 business community by fighting for
15 the soda tax because of all of the
16 impact it would make in our
17 neighborhoods. And this is just a
18 snapshot of how the Sustainable
19 Business Network and their members
20 fight for a more prosperous and
21 inclusive economy.

22 And this is important
23 right now because our economy is
24 broken and Washington keeps putting

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2 billionaire interests ahead of
3 ours, so it is up to us to create
4 an economy that works for everyday
5 people. And the Sustainable
6 Business Network of Greater
7 Philadelphia proves that we do not
8 need to choose between making
9 money, uplifting our communities
10 and protecting our planet.

11 Today is a celebration,
12 but I also encourage us to use this
13 occasion to recommit to the role we
14 must all play in supporting a
15 triple bottom line of profit,
16 people and the planet. This means
17 buying local, especially along our
18 neighborhood commercial corridors,
19 so that we can keep our hard-earned
20 money in our communities and out of
21 the pockets of billionaires.

22 We need to encourage
23 more businesses to join our
24 movement and to support aspiring

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2 entrepreneurs who share our values.

3 And we as a city need to continue

4 to make smart and targeted

5 investments that grow our economy

6 while also protecting our planet

7 and uplifting Philadelphians.

8 Congratulations to

9 Zoraida Cordero, Judy Wicks, Alex

10 Cupo, Nima Etemadi and every

11 current and former SBN member,

12 board member and staff member for

13 25 years of excellence. I know

14 that we are all committed to making

15 sure that SBN's next 25 years are

16 even more impactful than its first.

17 And with that, we will now read the

18 resolution.

19 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

20 Whereas, for the past 25 years the

21 Sustainable Business Network of

22 Greater Philadelphia (SBN), founded

23 in 2001 has championed an economy

24 where independent values-driven

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2 businesses can thrive, communities
3 prosper and the environment is
4 protected, guided by the Triple
5 Bottom Line framework of People,
6 Planet and Prosperity; and

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 Whereas, SBN's work is organized
9 across three interconnected
10 pillars, business growth and
11 stability, environmental
12 stewardship and people, community
13 and prosperity supported by a
14 cross-cutting commitment to
15 legislative advocacy, education,
16 financial opportunity and community
17 building; and

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

19 Whereas, SBN serves more than 135
20 member businesses, the majority of
21 which are women-owned, BIPOC-owned,
22 LGBTQ+-owned and immigrant-owned,
23 and reaches thousands more annually
24 through programs, partnerships and

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2 policy advocacy that strengthens
3 the city and its regional
4 independent businesses community;
5 and

6 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

7 Whereas, SBN serves values-driven
8 multi-industry businesses across
9 Philadelphia and the Greater
10 Philadelphia region, including
11 independent retailers, restaurants
12 and food businesses, service
13 providers and environmental
14 enterprises. Across Bucks,
15 Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and
16 Philadelphia Counties in
17 Pennsylvania; Burlington, Camden,
18 Gloucester, Mercer and Salem
19 Counties in New Jersey; and New
20 Castle County in Delaware have
21 become a trusted convener, educator
22 and advocate that advances local,
23 state and federal policy supporting
24 small businesses, environmental

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2 protection and equitable economic
3 development; and

4 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

5 Whereas, through initiatives,
6 including the Urban Forestry
7 Initiative, Green Stormwater
8 Infrastructure Partners, the
9 Climate Action Campaign, Business
10 For Impact and its cohort learning
11 and mentorship programs, SBN has
12 equipped entrepreneurs with tools,
13 mentorship and networks they need
14 to succeed while protecting the
15 environment and uplifting the
16 neighborhoods these businesses
17 serve; and

18 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

19 Whereas, the organization's
20 achievements are the result of the
21 dedication and vision of its
22 founders, board members, past and
23 present, staff member businesses,
24 community partners, funders and

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2 civic leaders who have supported
3 its mission over the past 25 years;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 Resolved, by the Council
6 of the City of Philadelphia, that
7 it Hereby honors and recognizes the
8 25th Anniversary of the Sustainable
9 Business Network of Greater
10 Philadelphia, and commends the
11 organization for its steadfast
12 commitment and dedication to all
13 Philadelphians. Please welcome
14 Zoraida Cordero to the podium.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
18 Zoraida Cordero for remarks.
19 Welcome to City Council.

20 MS. CORDERO: Good
21 morning, everyone. My name is
22 Zoraida Cordero, and I have the
23 privilege of serving as the
24 Executive Director of the

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2 Sustainable Business Network of
3 Greater Philadelphia. This year
4 SBN celebrates 25 -- this year SBN
5 is celebrating its 25th
6 anniversary, a quarter of century
7 spent building a more just, green,
8 and thriving economy, ensuring that
9 all businesses in the local area
10 and Greater Philadelphia area are
11 supported, that communities are
12 thriving and that they feel
13 partnered and rooted in this work.

14 For 25 years, SBN has
15 worked at the intersection of
16 environment, economy and community.
17 We represent local and regional
18 businesses that believe
19 sustainability is more than
20 environmental impact. It is also
21 about people and prosperity. It is
22 about helping businesses stay
23 strong, helping communities thrive
24 and making ensure opportunity is

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2 shared broadly across our region.

3 Today's resolution means
4 so much more because it recognizes
5 not just an organization, but an
6 entire network of people who have
7 spent a decade building something
8 meaningful together. I want to
9 take a moment to thank
10 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier and
11 all the other Council
12 representatives for sponsoring and
13 recognizing the importance of local
14 businesses and a sustainable
15 economic development in our city.
16 Your support means a great deal to
17 us.

18 I also want to
19 acknowledge everyone who helped
20 bring SBN to this moment. To our
21 founders, thank you for planting
22 the seeds of this organization 25
23 years ago, for believing that
24 businesses could be a force for

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2 community well-being and long-term
3 change. To the Executive Directors
4 who have carried this work forward
5 over the years, thank you for your
6 leadership, your vision and your
7 dedication to strengthening this
8 network.

9 To our Board members,
10 past and present, thank you for
11 your guidance and stewardship; and
12 to our members, partners, funders,
13 sponsors, and supporters, thank you
14 for believing in this mission and
15 for continuing to invest in the
16 future where businesses and
17 communities can thrive together.

18 Most importantly, thank
19 you to the independent businesses
20 across our region who continue to
21 show up every day with resilience,
22 creativity and commitment to their
23 communities. Even though in these
24 incredible times, as we celebrate

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2 this milestone, we're also looking
3 into the future. The next 25 years
4 are about continuing to build a
5 regional economy where businesses
6 can grow and stay rooted locally,
7 where sustainability is practical
8 and accessible, where opportunity
9 reaches more people and where
10 communities are stronger because we
11 chose to invest in one another. We
12 are incredibly honored by this
13 recognition, and we look forward to
14 continuing this work together.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

18 (Council at ease.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Keep bringing all these
21 cops from the Northwest, City
22 Council. I think that's great.
23 Thank you, Officer. Appreciate
24 your hard work and dedication --

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2 Captain. Excuse me. I stand
3 corrected, Captain.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips
6 who will present a resolution
7 honoring and recognizing the
8 Russell Byers Charter School on the
9 occasion of his 25th anniversary,
10 and celebrating 25 years of
11 educational excellence, civic
12 purpose and service to children and
13 families in the City of
14 Philadelphia, and further
15 recognizing Laurada Byers for her
16 visionary leadership and enduring
17 impact.

18 Would Jessica Ramos and
19 those accompanying her please join
20 the Councilmember at the podium.
21 Joining Councilmember Dr. Anthony
22 Phillips are the following
23 Councilmembers: Councilmember Mark
24 Squilla, Councilmember Jim Harrity,

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2 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young and
3 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

4 (Councilmembers and
5 visitors approached podium.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Can we give our youth a
8 round of applause for being in the
9 right place at the right time.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Hopefully, our news
13 outlets are covering the positivity
14 of young people here in the City of
15 Philadelphia, in this case,
16 particularly African American young
17 people. I know they were covering
18 them flash mobs last week, so let's
19 cover our young people being
20 honored here in the City of
21 Philadelphia.

22 This floor is yours,
23 Dr. Phillips.

24 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

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2 Well, good morning, everyone. I
3 will be brief. I'm happy to join
4 here with the District
5 Councilperson representing Russell
6 Byers Charter School. Several
7 years ago, when I worked at Teen
8 Shark, which is a college access
9 and mentorship program, I met
10 Laurada Byers. And I will tell you
11 it was probably one of the best
12 meetings I've ever had in my life.

13 This woman in 2001,
14 Laurada, determined to turn her
15 late husband's tragedy from tragedy
16 into triumph, founded the Russell
17 Byers Charter School, which has
18 served thousands of students here
19 in Philadelphia from over 40 zip
20 codes in the city. She is also the
21 founder of the Philadelphia Film
22 Festival and also the past Chair of
23 the Alliance for Philadelphia
24 Charter Schools, in which I worked

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2 with her in my capacity as the
3 Vice-Chair of Education here on
4 Philadelphia City Council.

5 What I love about
6 Ms. Laurada Byers is that she has
7 this unbounded enthusiasm for
8 education, and that idea is that
9 children not only have to be really
10 strong academically, but it was
11 about educating the whole child,
12 and we will see that today in the
13 character of all of the students
14 here from Russell Byers Charter
15 School, because they have great
16 character and they have great
17 leadership. And all of that is a
18 tribute to the founding mission of
19 Ms. Laurada Byers.

20 She also believed in
21 partnerships for young people,
22 making sure that they had
23 experiences outside of the
24 classroom, making sure that they

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2 had opportunities that can help
3 them understand their full future.
4 She pushed for children to have the
5 roots to fly and to grow, and she
6 created a welcoming -- when I tell
7 you, Russell Byers Charter School
8 is one of the most welcoming school
9 environments ever, for families to
10 grow and prosper.

11 We're so proud of you,
12 Ms. Laurada Byers. We're so
13 thankful for you and your
14 leadership and what you have done
15 for the City of Philadelphia. Your
16 husband talked about education
17 often times in the Inquirer, and
18 you made education a reality of
19 what he wanted to see through the
20 Russell Byers Charter School.

21 Your legacy is going to
22 live through all of these children
23 and many more to come, you and your
24 husbands for so many years. And

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2 this was just a small token of our
3 appreciation from the City of
4 Philadelphia to recognize and honor
5 you today.

6 I will yield the rest of
7 my time for remarks from the
8 District Councilmember Jeffrey
9 Young.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
11 you, Dr. Phillips. I just want to
12 say it's an honor and privilege to
13 stand here today to recognize an
14 institution that's in the 5th
15 Council District that has changed
16 the trajectory of so many students
17 and families across the City of
18 Philadelphia.

19 As someone who deeply
20 believes that our future is shaped
21 by what we pour into our young
22 people today, I understand how
23 important schools like Russell
24 Byers are to the strength and

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2 future of our communities. For 25
3 years, Russell Byers has been a
4 place where children are
5 challenged, encouraged, protected
6 and reminded that their voices,
7 their ideas and their futures
8 matter.

9 Real community
10 investment is about people, about
11 creating environments where young
12 people feel seen, supported and
13 empowered to become the next
14 generation of leaders, thinkers,
15 changemakers. That's the impact of
16 Russell Byers. What makes it more
17 important and more meaningful is
18 that through vision, care and
19 purpose, Mrs. Byers saw the
20 importance of creating an
21 educational environment that
22 nurtures both excellence and
23 humanity, because every child
24 deserves more than just survival.

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2 They deserve opportunity, exposure,
3 encouragement and the freedom to
4 dream bigger than themselves.

5 In many ways, schools
6 like Russell Byers create stability
7 for families, they build confidence
8 in children, they strengthen
9 communities one student at a time,
10 and especially during times when
11 families are navigating uncertainty
12 around school closures,
13 institutions that lead with
14 compassion, innovation and purpose
15 become even more important for the
16 future of our city.

17 As a Councilmember, I
18 believe we have the responsibility
19 not only to respond to challenges
20 but to uplift people and the
21 institutions that are doing the
22 work to move Philadelphia forward,
23 and that is what Russell Byers
24 Charter School has been doing for

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2 the last 25 years. Today we
3 celebrate not just an anniversary,
4 but a lasting impact of educational
5 excellence, civic purpose and
6 belief in the potential of
7 Philadelphia's young people.

8 At this time, it's our
9 honor to present a resolution
10 honoring Russell Byers Charter
11 School.

12 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

13 Thank you and thank you to all the
14 children who are here and all of
15 the family and friends and
16 supporters of Ms. Laurada Byers:

17 Honoring, recognizing
18 Russell Byers Charter School on the
19 occasion of its 25th anniversary
20 and celebrating 25 years of
21 educational excellence, civic
22 purpose and service to children and
23 families in the City of
24 Philadelphia and further

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2 recognizing Laurada Byers for her
3 visionary leadership and enduring
4 impact;

5 Whereas, the Council of
6 the City of Philadelphia recognizes
7 that schools play a vital role in
8 shaping learners, citizens, and
9 communities, and that Russell Byers
10 Charter School was founded by
11 Laurada Byers and her family in
12 tribute to her late husband,
13 William Russell Grace Byers, who
14 passed away in 1999, a Philadelphia
15 Daily News columnist, who believed
16 in civic responsibility, urban
17 improvement and the transformative
18 power of education; and

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG:

20 Whereas, established in 2001 by
21 Laurada Byers, as a tribute to her
22 late husband's legacy, Russell
23 Byers Charter School opened on
24 September 11, 2001 with 120

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2 students in grades PreK through
3 2nd, and through her visionary
4 leadership and enduring commitment
5 has grown into a thriving
6 educational community serving
7 approximately 700 students in
8 grades PreK through 8th grade from
9 across Philadelphia; and

10 Whereas, guided by the
11 belief that the greatest gift one
12 can give a child is "roots in
13 wings," Russell Byers Charter
14 School has provided a rigorous and
15 joyful education that cultivates
16 self-assurance, curiosity, strong
17 character and the academic
18 foundation students need to thrive
19 in school and in life; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

21 Whereas, Russell Byers Charter
22 School demonstrates a deep
23 commitment to early childhood
24 education as one of only two

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2 schools in Philadelphia to offer a
3 two-year, full-day kindergarten
4 program, beginning with 4-year-
5 olds, ensuring that students build
6 strong academic and social
7 foundations from the earliest
8 stages of their educational
9 journey; and

10 Whereas, through its
11 Expeditionary Learning model,
12 Russell Byers Charter School
13 embraces an innovative, hands-on
14 approach inspired by Outward Bound,
15 empowering students to become
16 creative problem-solvers, effective
17 communicators and responsible
18 citizens through teamwork, charter
19 character development and real-life
20 learning experiences; and

21 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

22 Whereas, through its "Ours for
23 Life" initiative and strong
24 community partnerships, Russell

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2 Byers Charter School extends
3 learning beyond the classroom by
4 providing comprehensive college
5 track support, guiding students
6 through critical academic
7 transitions and leveraging the
8 resources of Philadelphia to
9 deliver dynamic real-world
10 education experiences that prepare
11 students for long-term success; and

12 Whereas, on the occasion
13 of its 25th anniversary, Russell
14 Byers Charter School stands as a
15 lasting example of educational
16 purpose, community investment and
17 the enduring legacy of both William
18 Russell Grace Byers and Laurada
19 Byers' vision for Philadelphia's
20 children; now, therefore, be it

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Resolved, by the Council of the
23 City of Philadelphia, that Hereby
24 honors and recognizes Russell Byers

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2 Charter School on the occasion of
3 its 25th anniversary for its
4 enduring commitment to educational
5 excellence, civic responsibility
6 and the growth and well-being of
7 Philadelphia's children and further
8 celebrates Laurada Byers for her
9 visionary leadership and lifelong
10 dedication to education and
11 community;

12 Further resolved, that
13 this Engrossed copy of this
14 resolution be presented to the
15 Russell Byers Charter School and
16 Laurada Byers as evidence of the
17 sincere admiration and appreciation
18 of this legislative body.
19 Congratulations.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes Jessica
23 Ramos for remarks.

24 MS. RAMOS: Good

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2 morning, everyone. My name is
3 Jessica Ramos and I have the
4 privilege of serving as Chief
5 Executive Officer at Russell Byers
6 Charter School. I want to thank
7 Council President as well as
8 Councilmembers Phillips and Young.

9 We are indeed honored to
10 receive the proclamation in
11 celebration of the 25th anniversary
12 of the Russell Byers Charter
13 School. We share this honor with
14 our founder Laurada. And
15 personally, I just want to say
16 thank you. Because in a moment
17 when many people face tragedy and
18 turn inwards, you did the opposite.
19 You and your family turned outwards
20 and created a space where all of
21 the students who stand beside me,
22 in front of me, behind me and for
23 years to come have an opportunity
24 to explore the world in a different

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2 way.

3 I want to thank the
4 Council for celebrating this
5 milestone. And I'm pleased to
6 welcome 8th grader, Student
7 councilmember Quincy Blinkley, who
8 has a few words.

9 MR. BLINKLEY: Good
10 morning, everyone. I'm Quincy
11 Blinkley and I'm in 8th grade and I
12 attend Russell Byers Charter
13 School. I'm so thankful that
14 Mrs. Byers chose to bring the
15 school life. The 4 Rs, respect,
16 responsibility and resilience have
17 helped shape me into the person I
18 am today. I feel ready for the
19 bright future that awaits me.

20 I have participated in
21 so many unique experiences during
22 my time at Russell Byers. One
23 memorable experience is running for
24 student council leadership

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2 position. The support from staff,
3 classmates helped push me out my
4 comfort zone and lead with
5 confidence. I'm looking forward to
6 starting my high school career at
7 West Catholic High School in the
8 fall with a scholarship from the
9 Byers School Foundation. I will
10 always be a part of the Russell
11 Byers community. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Congratulations.

15 Council will be at ease.

16 (Council at ease.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The next order of
19 business is communications. The
20 Chair recognizes that the Sergeant-
21 At-Arms deliver the messages from
22 the Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

23 Will the Chief Clerk
24 please read the messages from the

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2 Mayor and any other communications
3 in his possession.

4 CHIEF CLERK: To the
5 President, the members of the
6 Council of the City of
7 Philadelphia, I'm transmitting for
8 the consideration of your honorable
9 body the following proposed: A
10 resolution authorizing the
11 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose
12 of 1304 and 1310 South 28th Street;
13 and 1314-20 South 28th Street
14 (including 1313-23 South Newkirk
15 Street) located in the 2nd
16 Councilmanic District, in
17 accordance with the terms of
18 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
19 Code.

20 A resolution authorizing
21 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
22 dispose of 1716 North 42nd Street;
23 4137, 4145, 4163, 4187, 4189, 4245
24 and 4273 Leidy Avenue, located in

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2 the 3rd Councilmanic District in
3 accordance with the terms of
4 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
5 Code.

6 A resolution authorizing
7 the Philadelphia Land Bank to
8 dispose of 1802, 1804, 1808, 1810,
9 1812, 1824, 1826, 1828, 1830, 1831,
10 1835, 1837, 1839, 1850 North
11 Ringgold Street; 1812, 1839, 1844
12 North Taylor Street; 2411, 2427
13 West Montgomery Avenue located in
14 the 5th Councilmanic District in
15 accordance with the terms of
16 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
17 Code.

18 A resolution authorizing
19 the Commissioner of Public Property
20 to execute and deliver to the
21 Philadelphia Redevelopment
22 Authority deeds conveying fee
23 simple title to 855 North Orkney
24 Street in the 5th Councilmanic

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2 District of the City of
3 Philadelphia, and further
4 authorizing the Philadelphia
5 Redevelopment Authority to transfer
6 to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee
7 simple title to such properties
8 pursuant to Section 16-405 of The
9 Philadelphia Code.

10 A resolution authorizing
11 the Commissioner of Public Property
12 to execute and deliver to the
13 Philadelphia Redevelopment
14 Authority deeds conveying fee
15 simple title to 916, 920, 924 West
16 Auburn Street in the 5th
17 Councilmanic District of the City
18 of Philadelphia, and further
19 authorizing the Philadelphia
20 Redevelopment Authority to transfer
21 to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee
22 simple title to such properties
23 pursuant to Section 16-405 of The
24 Philadelphia Code.

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2 A resolution authorizing
3 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
4 Authority to execute and deliver to
5 the Philadelphia Land Bank, a deed
6 conveying title to 1941-47 East
7 Huntingdon Street, located in the
8 1st Councilmanic District, pursuant
9 to the requirements of the
10 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

11 A resolution authorizing
12 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
13 Authority to execute and deliver to
14 the Philadelphia Land Bank a deed
15 conveying title to 1718-26 North
16 52nd Street located in the 4th
17 Councilmanic District, pursuant to
18 the requirements of the
19 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

20 A resolution authorizing
21 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
22 Authority to execute and deliver to
23 the Philadelphia Land Bank deeds
24 conveying title to various

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2 properties located in the 5th
3 Councilmanic District, including on
4 the following streets: North 6th
5 Street, North 15th Street, North
6 30th Street, Parrish Street,
7 Seybert Street, West Stiles Street,
8 West Somerset Street, North
9 Marshall Street, North 9th Street,
10 North 27th Street, North 19th
11 Street, North 23rd Street, North
12 Bucknell Street, West Norris
13 Street, North Ringgold Street,
14 North Edding Street, North 16th
15 Street and West Auburn Street,
16 pursuant to the requirements of the
17 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

18 A resolution adopting
19 the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan as
20 the official hazard mitigation plan
21 of the City of Philadelphia.

22 And pursuant to Section
23 4-604 and 2-307 of the Home Rule
24 Charter, I am today transmitting to

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2 Council the recommendation of the
3 City Planning Commission. The
4 Commission voted to extend its
5 review 45 additional days on the
6 following bill: Bill No. 260381.

7 And I am pleased to
8 advise you that on May 26, 2026 I
9 signed the following bills which
10 were passed by Council at its
11 session on May 7, 2026: Bill No.
12 250806, Bill No. 250836, Bill No,
13 250918, Bill No. 251070, Bill No.
14 260026, Bill No. 260134, Bill No.
15 260216, Bill No. 260217, Bill No.
16 260240 and Bill No. 260267.

17 There are no further
18 communications in my possession,
19 Council President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
22 messages will be printed in the
23 Journal.

24 Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

4 Thank you so much, Council
5 President.

6 I would be remiss if I
7 didn't recognize two more guests
8 with me today. I have Rev.
9 Dr. Andy Jenkins, who's a longtime
10 community leader in the
11 neighborhood of Mantua. He has
12 fought against violence for many
13 years. He's one of the co-founders
14 of the Young Great Society.

15 He led the Redevelopment
16 Authority for many years and
17 brought so much in terms of
18 affordable housing and fighting
19 against displacement in Mantua.
20 And we are also joined by Jim
21 Brown, another Mantua community
22 leader and historian. And they're
23 actually here today to speak on a
24 resolution that honors Mantua as

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2 the birthplace of the Philadelphia
3 Mural Arts Program through the
4 Anti-Graffiti program being started
5 in that neighborhood many years
6 ago. Can you all stand up or give
7 a wave so you can be recognized?

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

10 Thank you very much.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 I would be remiss if I
14 didn't acknowledge in the same
15 spirit the late great Tim Spencer
16 from Mantua, West Philadelphia and
17 the work that he did with the rest
18 of the leaders regarding the Mural
19 Arts program. Great job, Member
20 Gauthier.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The next order of
24 business is the introduction of

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2 bills and resolutions.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

5 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
6 Thank you, Council President.

7 I have one privileged
8 resolution and also one
9 non-privileged resolution for
10 recognition today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chief Clerk, please read
14 the title of the resolutions.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A
16 privileged resolution authorizing
17 the Philadelphia City Council
18 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
19 Cultural Affairs to hold public
20 hearings on the condition of the
21 City's public park system,
22 including funding, maintenance,
23 infrastructure, staffing, safety,
24 and opportunities to establish

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2 sustainable long-term revenue
3 streams to support Philadelphia's
4 parks, recreation centers and
5 public green spaces.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
8 placed on today's Final Passage
9 Calendar.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a
11 non-privileged resolution
12 nominating 25 individuals for
13 consideration by the Mayor as
14 appointees to the Commission on
15 Parks and Recreation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
18 placed on the Final Passage
19 Calendar for consideration at our
20 next session of Council.

21 Chair recognizes
22 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
23 Richardson.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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2 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Council
3 President.

4 Today I offer one
5 non-privileged resolution on your
6 behalf.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

9 Chief Clerk, please read
10 the title of the resolution.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A
12 non-privileged resolution
13 appointing Patrick Christmas to the
14 Board of Directors of the
15 Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
18 placed on the Final Passage
19 Calendar for consideration at the
20 next session of Council.

21 Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:
24 Thank you, Council President.

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2 Today I have two
3 privileged resolutions and six
4 non-privileged resolutions on your
5 behalf.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

8 Chief Clerk, please read
9 the title of the resolutions.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A

11 privileged resolution honoring and
12 celebrating Noel George Miles, Jr.,
13 AWS, for a distinguished career as
14 one of Philadelphia's most
15 accomplished and civically-minded
16 painters.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
19 placed on today's Final Passage
20 Calendar.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A

22 privileged resolution recognizing
23 the Mantua community in West
24 Philadelphia as the birthplace of

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2 Philadelphia's Anti-Graffiti
3 Network and Mural Arts Program, now
4 known as Mural Arts Philadelphia.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
7 placed on today's Final Passage
8 Calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A

10 non-privileged resolution
11 confirming the reappointment of
12 Sophia Lee as member of the Board
13 of the Philadelphia Energy
14 Authority.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
17 placed on the Final Passage
18 Calendar for consideration at the
19 next session of Council.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And a

21 non-privileged resolution
22 confirming the reappointment of
23 Barbara Moore as a member of the
24 Board of the Philadelphia Energy

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2 Authority.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
5 placed on the Final Passage
6 Calendar for consideration at the
7 next session of Council.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a

9 non-privileged resolution
10 confirming the appointment of
11 Matthew Bowman as a member of the
12 Board of the Philadelphia Energy
13 Authority.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
16 placed on the Final Passage
17 Calendar for consideration at the
18 next session of Council.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A

20 non-privileged resolution
21 confirming the appointment of
22 Guarav Mehta as a member of the
23 Board of Philadelphia Energy
24 Authority.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
4 placed on the Final Passage
5 Calendar for consideration at the
6 next session of Council.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 non-privileged resolution
9 confirming the appointment of Sonte
10 Reavis as a member of the Board of
11 the Philadelphia Energy Authority.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
14 placed on the Final Passage
15 Calendar for consideration at our
16 next session of Council.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution
19 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
20 Bank to dispose of 1304 and 1310
21 South 28th Street, 1314-20 South
22 28th Street, including 1313-23
23 South Newkirk Street, located in
24 the 2nd Councilmanic District, in

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2 accordance with the terms of
3 Chapter 16-700 of The Philadelphia
4 Code.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
7 placed on the Final Passage
8 Calendar for consideration of the
9 next session of Council.

10 Chair recognizes
11 Majority Whip Councilmember Isaiah
12 Thomas.

13 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
14 morning, Council President.

15 Today I have two
16 privileged resolutions, one on your
17 behalf. And I would also like to
18 take a moment of personal privilege
19 to say congratulations to the PFT
20 on celebrating 85 years. And the
21 resolution for the PFT today is
22 sponsored by all 17 members of City
23 Council. We love our teachers.

24 Thank you, Council

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2 President.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 Will Chief Clerk please
7 read the titles of the resolutions.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A

9 privileged resolution honoring and
10 recognizing the Philadelphia
11 Federation of Teachers on the
12 occasion of its 85th anniversary
13 for extraordinary service,
14 advocacy, and dedication to the
15 students, educators and schools of
16 Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
19 placed on today's Final Passage
20 Calendar.

21 CHIEF CLERK: And a

22 privileged resolution honoring Jane
23 Golden for her 42 years of
24 visionary leadership of Mural Arts

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2 Philadelphia, during which she
3 championed countless murals and
4 public art initiatives that have
5 strengthened the cultural fabric of
6 the City of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on today's Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
14 you, Mr. President.

15 Today I offer one bill
16 and one privileged resolution on
17 your behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Will the Chief Clerk
21 please read the title of the bill
22 and the resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An
24 ordinance amending Title 9 of the

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2 Philadelphia Code, entitled
3 "Regulation of Businesses, Trades,
4 and Professions," to establish
5 security requirements for senior
6 housing facilities, under certain
7 terms and conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This bill will be
10 referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a
13 non-privileged resolution adopting
14 the 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan as
15 the official hazard mitigation plan
16 of the City of Philadelphia.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
19 placed on the Final Passage
20 Calendar for consideration at the
21 next session of Council.

22 Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Rue Landau.

24 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

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2 Good morning, Council President and
3 the public.

4 Today I have four
5 privileged resolutions, and one
6 privileged resolution and one
7 non-privileged resolution on your
8 behalf.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

11 Chief Clerk, please read
12 the title of the resolutions.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A

14 privileged resolution honoring and
15 celebrating Gay Bingo, an iconic
16 Philadelphia cultural institution,
17 and one of its most recognizable
18 LGBTQ+ traditions and HIV
19 fundraisers on the occasion of its
20 30th anniversary.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
23 placed on today's Final Passage
24 Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a
3 privileged resolution recognizing,
4 congratulating and honoring William
5 Way LGBT Community Center on the
6 occasion of its 50th anniversary
7 for its life-changing work in the
8 City of Philadelphia.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
11 placed on today's Final Passage
12 Calendar.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A
14 privileged resolution honoring and
15 recognizing the Pride Visitor
16 Center on its opening for being a
17 welcoming and visionary hub that
18 will make all LGBTQ+ Philadelphians
19 and visitors feel seen and safe
20 when they come to this City.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
23 placed on today's Final Passage
24 Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a
3 privileged resolution recognizing
4 and honoring the incredible work of
5 Philly Queer Fundy in organizing
6 and activating Philadelphia's
7 LGBTQ+ community for direct action,
8 mutual aid and community safety in
9 a beautiful display of solidarity
10 and intersectionality in action.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
13 placed on today's Final Passage
14 Calendar.

15 CHIEF CLERK: And a
16 privileged resolution recognizing
17 July 5, 2026 as Martyrs Day in
18 Philadelphia to honor the memory of
19 five Philadelphians - Octavius
20 Catto, Levi Bolden, Jacob Gordon,
21 Moses Wright and Isaac Chase - who
22 were slain while attempting to
23 exercise their right to vote after
24 the passage of the 15th Amendment.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
4 placed on today's Final Passage
5 Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a
7 non-privileged resolution
8 condemning the U.S. Supreme Court
9 majority's further gutting of key
10 Voting Rights Act protections in
11 Louisiana v. Callais, thereby
12 making it more difficult to
13 establish majority minority
14 districts, weakening minority
15 voting power and undermining our
16 democracy.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
19 placed on the Final Passage
20 Calendar for the next session of
21 Council.

22 Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

24 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 I have one bill.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 Chief Clerk, please read
7 the title of the bill.

8 CHIEF CLERK: An
9 ordinance authorizing various
10 encroachments in the vicinity of
11 6238 Bustleton Avenue, under
12 certain terms and conditions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This bill will be
15 referred to the appropriate
16 committee.

17 Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

19 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
20 you, Mr. President.

21 Today I offer one
22 privileged resolution and four
23 non-privileged resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

3 Chief Clerk, please read
4 the titles of the resolutions.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A
6 privileged resolution honoring and
7 recognizing Ms. Anna Jenkins on the
8 occasion of her retirement after
9 decades of distinguished service as
10 an educator and school teacher in
11 the School District of
12 Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
15 placed on today's Final Passage
16 Calendar.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution
19 authorizing the Philadelphia Land
20 Bank to dispose of 1802, 1804,
21 1808, 1810, 1812, 1824, 1826, 1828,
22 1830, 1831, 1835, 1837, 1839 and
23 1850 North Ringgold Street; 1812,
24 1839 and 1844 North Taylor Street;

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2 and 2411 and 2427 West Montgomery
3 Avenue located in the 5th
4 Councilmanic District in accordance
5 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of
6 The Philadelphia Code.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
9 placed on the Final Passage
10 Calendar for consideration at the
11 next session of Council.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a
13 non-privileged resolution
14 authorizing the Commissioner of
15 Public Property to execute and
16 deliver to the Philadelphia
17 Redevelopment Authority deeds
18 conveying fee simple title to 916,
19 920 and 924 West Auburn Street in
20 the 5th Councilmanic District of
21 the City of Philadelphia, and
22 further authorizing the
23 Philadelphia Redevelopment
24 Authority to transfer to the

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2 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
3 title to such properties, pursuant
4 to Section 16-405 of The
5 Philadelphia Code.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
8 placed on the Final Passage
9 Calendar for the next session of
10 Council.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a
12 non-privileged resolution
13 authorizing the Commissioner of
14 Public Property to execute and
15 deliver to the Philadelphia
16 Redevelopment Authority deeds
17 conveying fee simple title to 855
18 North Orkney Street in the 5th
19 Councilmanic District of the City
20 of Philadelphia, and further
21 authorizing the Philadelphia
22 Redevelopment Authority to transfer
23 to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee
24 simple title to such properties

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2 pursuant to Section 16-405 of The
3 Philadelphia Code.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
6 placed on the Final Passage
7 Calendar for consideration at our
8 next session of Council.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 non-privileged resolution
11 authorizing the Philadelphia
12 Redevelopment Authority to execute
13 and deliver to the Philadelphia
14 Land Bank deeds conveying title to
15 various properties located in the
16 5th Councilmanic District,
17 including on the following streets:
18 North 6th Street, North 15th
19 Street, North 30th Street, Parrish
20 Street, Seybert Street, West Stiles
21 Street, West Somerset Street, North
22 Marshall Street, North 9th Street,
23 North 27th Street, North 19th
24 Street, North 23rd Street, North

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2 Bucknell Street, West Norris
3 Street, North Ringgold Street,
4 North Edding Street, North 16th
5 Street and West Auburn Street,
6 pursuant to the requirements of the
7 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
10 placed on the Final Passage
11 Calendar for consideration at our
12 next session of Council.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Minority Kendra Brooks.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
16 Good morning, Council President.

17 I have one privileged
18 resolution to introduce today.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

21 Chief Clerk, please read
22 the title of the privileged
23 resolution.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A

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2 privileged resolution

3 congratulating Fab Youth Philly on

4 the occasion of their 10-Year-

5 Anniversary and honoring a decade

6 of visionary, dedicated and

7 impactful work to empower teens and

8 improve communities.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

11 placed on today's Final Passage

12 Calendar.

13 Chair recognizes

14 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

16 Good afternoon, Council President.

17 I have two

18 non-privileged resolutions on your

19 behalf.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chief Clerk, please read

23 the title of the resolutions.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A

1 5/28/26 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS

2 non-privileged resolution
3 confirming the appointment of Layla
4 Bibi to serve on the Zoning Board
5 of Adjustment.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
8 placed on the Final Passage
9 Calendar for consideration at our
10 next session of Council.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a
12 non-privileged resolution urging
13 the General Assembly to pass
14 legislation allowing cities of the
15 first class to raise the minimum
16 wage to \$25 an hour, an essential
17 step toward ensuring that all
18 Philadelphians are able to keep up
19 with the rising cost of living and
20 have the opportunity to build a
21 better future.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
24 placed on the Final Passage

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2 Calendar for consideration at our
3 next session of Council.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

8 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 Nothing today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chair recognizes

14 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 The Committee on
18 Licenses and Inspections reports
19 out seven bills with a favorable
20 recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Reports will be in a
23 minute, but any bills you would
24 like to introduce or resolutions,

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2 sir?

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

4 Oh. Nothing today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

7 Chair recognizes

8 Councilmember Brian O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 I have no bills or
12 resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

15 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

16 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 I offer two bills and
19 one non-privileged resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the titles of the bills and
24 resolutions.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An
3 ordinance authorizing encroachments
4 in the nature of a sidewalk cafe in
5 the vicinity of 2351 South Front
6 Street, under certain terms and
7 conditions.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
9 JOHNSON: This bill will be
10 referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And an
13 ordinance renaming and designating
14 Girard Fountain Park located on the
15 300 block of Arch Street as "Janet
16 Kalter Park."

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
18 JOHNSON: This bill will be
19 referred to the appropriate
20 committee.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 non-privileged resolution
23 authorizing the Philadelphia
24 Redevelopment Authority to execute

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2 and deliver to the Philadelphia
3 Land Bank a deed conveying title to
4 1941-47 East Huntingdon Street,
5 located in the 1st Councilmanic
6 District, pursuant to the
7 requirements of the Commonwealth
8 Land Bank Act.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
11 placed on the Final Passage
12 Calendar for consideration at the
13 next session of Council.

14 Chair recognizes
15 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 I offer five privileged
19 resolutions and one bill today.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 Chief Clerk, please read
23 the titles of the bill and
24 resolutions.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An
3 ordinance designating the 21st day
4 of May as the holiday "Ona Judge
5 Day," all under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
8 JOHNSON: This bill will be
9 referred to the appropriate
10 committee.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Just one
12 second.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
14 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.
15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Please proceed.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A
19 privileged resolution honoring and
20 recognizing Captain Dana Bradley
21 and the officers and staff of the
22 39th Police District for their
23 service, community engagement and
24 commitment to public safety in the

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2 City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
5 placed on today's Final Passage
6 Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a
8 privileged resolution honoring and
9 recognizing Captain Walter Burks
10 and the dedicated officers and
11 staff of the 35th Police District
12 for their leadership commitment to
13 public safety and service to the
14 residents of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
17 placed on today's Final Passage
18 Calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a
20 privileged resolution honoring and
21 recognizing Captain Stuart
22 McCoullum and the officers and
23 staff of the Philadelphia Police
24 Department's 14th District for

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2 their leadership service and
3 commitment to public safety and
4 community engagement.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
7 placed on today's Final Passage
8 Calendar.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a
10 privileged resolution authorizing
11 the committee on public safety to
12 hold hearings on implementing CPR
13 and emergency overdose awareness
14 training for all City employees to
15 strengthen emergency preparedness
16 and situational awareness across
17 City government.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
20 placed on today's Final Passage
21 Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a
23 privileged resolution authorizing
24 the Committee on Public Safety to

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2 hold hearings on implementing
3 mandatory conflict resolution and
4 de-escalation training for all City
5 employees.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
8 placed on today's Final Passage
9 Calendar.

10 Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

12 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
13 Thank you, Council President.

14 I am co-introducing one
15 privileged resolution with
16 Councilmember Squilla today.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
18 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

19 Chief Clerk, please read
20 the title of the resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution recognizing
23 and celebrating the 2026 Philippine
24 Independence Week Celebration in

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2 Philadelphia, taking place from
3 June 6th to June 20th.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 I would like to request
10 a leave of absence to attend other
11 Council business, and I would like
12 to be marked as voting aye on all
13 bills and resolutions under
14 consideration today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Duly recorded. Leave is
17 granted.

18 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The previous resolution
22 will be placed on today's Final
23 Passage Calendar.

24 The next order of

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2 business is reports from committee.
3 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
4 Cindy Bass for a report from the
5 Committee on Rules.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

7 Thank you, Mr. President.

8 The Committee on Rules
9 reports out one bill with a
10 favorable recommendation.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chief Clerk, please read
14 the report.

15 CHIEF CLERK: The
16 Committee on Rules to which was
17 referred the following bill: Bill
18 No. 260207, an ordinance to amend
19 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
20 changing the zoning designations of
21 certain areas of land located
22 within an area bounded by I-76, the
23 Schuylkill Expressway Ramp,
24 Hartranft and the Conrail Right-Of-

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2 Way, respectfully reports it has
3 considered and amended the same and
4 returns the attached bill to
5 Council with a favorable
6 recommendation.

7 There are no further
8 bills to report out from the
9 Committee on Rules, Council
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
15 motion on the bill.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 I move that the Rules of
19 Committee of Council be suspended
20 to permit first reading this day of
21 the bill just read into the record
22 by the Chief Clerk.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that the rules of
4 Council be suspended so as to
5 permit the consideration of the
6 bill just read by the Chief Clerk
7 at today's session of Council.

8 All those in favor of
9 the motion will say aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
16 motion carries. The bill will be
17 placed in our First Reading
18 Calendar for the day.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Majority Leader
21 Katherine Gilmore Richardson for a
22 report from the Committee on Law
23 and Government.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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2 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
3 Mr. President.

4 The Committee on Law and
5 Government reports out three
6 resolutions and six bills with a
7 favorable recommendation.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

10 Chief Clerk, please read
11 the report.

12 CHIEF CLERK: The
13 Committee on Law and Government to
14 which were referred the following
15 resolutions and bills: Resolution
16 260270, a resolution proposing an
17 amendment to the Philadelphia Home
18 Rule Charter to provide for the
19 creation of Creative Philadelphia
20 and providing for the submission of
21 the amendment to the electors of
22 Philadelphia.

23 Resolution 260467, a
24 resolution proposing an amendment

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2 to the Philadelphia Home Rule
3 Charter to change City procurement
4 procedures and requirements, and
5 providing for the submission of the
6 amendment to the electors of
7 Philadelphia.

8 Bill No. 260076, an
9 ordinance providing for the
10 submission to the qualified
11 electors of the City of
12 Philadelphia of the proposal set
13 forth in a resolution approved by
14 Council proposing an amendment to
15 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
16 relating to the creation of the
17 Philadelphia Child Welfare
18 Commission, and authorizing and
19 directing the appropriate officers
20 to publish notice and to make
21 arrangements for the special
22 election.

23 Bill No. 260264, an
24 ordinance providing for the

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2 submission to the qualified
3 electors of the City of
4 Philadelphia of the proposal set
5 forth in a resolution approved by
6 Council, proposing an amendment to
7 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
8 to provide for the creation of a
9 Creative Philadelphia, to provide
10 for the powers and duties of such
11 office, and to otherwise provide
12 for incorporation of the office
13 into City government and
14 authorizing the appropriate
15 officers to publish notice and to
16 make arrangements for the special
17 election, all under certain terms
18 and conditions.

19 Bill No. 260458, an
20 ordinance amending Section 17-103
21 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
22 "Bonds Relating to Procurement
23 Contracts," to amend requirements
24 related to performance and payment

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2 bonds on certain contracts, and
3 providing for disclosure and
4 monitoring of the bond acquisition
5 cost, all under certain terms and
6 conditions.

7 Bill No. 260460, an
8 ordinance amending Chapter 17-1400
9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
10 "Noncompetitively Bid Contracts;
11 Financial Assistance by Updating
12 References and Exclusions," all
13 under certain terms and conditions,
14 respectfully reports it has
15 considered the same and returns the
16 attached resolutions and bills to
17 Council with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 And Resolution No.
20 260094, a resolution proposing an
21 amendment to the Philadelphia Home
22 Rule Charter, providing for the
23 creation of the Philadelphia Child
24 Welfare Commission, and providing

1 5/28/26 - STATED - REPORTS
2 for the submission of the proposed
3 amendment to the electors of
4 Philadelphia.

5 Bill No. 260457, an
6 ordinance providing for the
7 submission to the qualified
8 electors of the City of
9 Philadelphia of an amendment to the
10 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to
11 change City procurement procedures
12 and requirements, fixing the date
13 of a special election for such
14 purpose; prescribing the form of a
15 ballot question to be voted on; and
16 authorizing the appropriate
17 officers to publish notice and to
18 make arrangements for the special
19 election.

20 And Bill No. 260459, an
21 ordinance amending Section 17-109
22 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled
23 "Local Bidding Preferences," by
24 establishing a new category of bid

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2 preference for businesses that are
3 both local, small, and amending
4 definitions, certifications, goal-
5 setting and reporting requirements,
6 all under certain terms and
7 conditions, respectfully reports it
8 has considered and amended the same
9 and returns the attached resolution
10 and bills to Council with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 There are no further
13 resolutions or bills to report out
14 from the Committee on Law and
15 Government, Council President.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
19 Richardson for a motion.

20 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

21 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 I move that the rules of
24 Council be suspended as to permit

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2 first reading this day of the bills
3 just read into the record by the
4 Chief Clerk.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the rules of
9 Council be suspended so as to
10 permit the consideration of these
11 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
12 at today's session of Council.

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

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
22 motion carries. These bills will
23 be placed on our First Reading
24 Calendar for today. The

1 5/28/26 - STATED - REPORTS
2 resolutions will be placed on the
3 Final Passage Calendar at our next
4 session of Council.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Mike Driscoll for a
7 report from the Committee on
8 License and Inspections.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 The Committee on
12 Licenses and Inspections reports
13 out seven bills with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

17 Chief Clerk, please read
18 the report.

19 CHIEF CLERK: The
20 Committee on Licenses and
21 Inspections, to which were referred
22 the following bills: Bill No.
23 250645, an ordinance amending Title
24 4 of The Philadelphia Code,

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2 entitled "The Philadelphia Building
3 Construction and Occupancy Code,"
4 by adopting the 2021 edition of the
5 "International Plumbing Code" as
6 published by the International Code
7 Council, including introduction of
8 new amendments and maintenance of
9 previously adopted amendments to
10 the 2018 International Plumbing
11 Code, as adopted under the
12 Pennsylvania Uniform Construction
13 Code Act, all under certain terms
14 and conditions.

15 Bill No. 260391, an
16 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
18 Philadelphia Building Construction
19 and Occupancy Code," by amending
20 Subcode "M" (The Philadelphia
21 Mechanical Code) and adopting the
22 2021 edition of the "International
23 Mechanical Code," as published by
24 the International Code Council,

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2 with amendments thereto, as
3 authorized by the Pennsylvania
4 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
5 under certain terms and conditions.

6 Bill No. 260392, an
7 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
8 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
9 Philadelphia Building Construction
10 and Occupancy Code," by amending
11 Subcode "G" (The Philadelphia Fuel
12 Gas Code), Subcode "PC" (The
13 Philadelphia Performance Code for
14 Buildings and Facilities), and
15 Subcode "EB" (The Philadelphia
16 Existing Building Code), and
17 adopting the 2021 editions of the
18 "International Fuel Gas Code,"
19 "Performance Code for Buildings and
20 Facilities," and "International
21 Existing Building Code," as
22 published by the International Code
23 Council, with amendments thereto,
24 as authorized by the Pennsylvania

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2 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
3 under certain terms and conditions.

4 Bill No. 260393, an
5 ordinance amending Subcode "A" (The
6 Philadelphia Administrative Code)
7 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code
8 (The Building, Construction and
9 Occupancy Code), by revising and
10 clarifying certain provisions;
11 making corrections for compliance
12 with the Pennsylvania Uniform
13 Construction Code Act; and making
14 technical changes; all under
15 certain terms and conditions.

16 Bill No. 260394, an
17 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
18 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
19 Philadelphia Building Construction
20 and Occupancy Code," by amending
21 Subcode "B" (The Philadelphia
22 Building Code) and adopting the
23 2021 edition of the "International
24 Building Code," as published by the

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2 International Code Council, with
3 various amendments thereto, as
4 authorized by the Pennsylvania
5 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
6 under certain terms and conditions.

7 Bill No. 260395, an
8 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
9 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
10 Philadelphia Building Construction
11 and Occupancy Code," by amending
12 Subcode "R" (The Philadelphia
13 Residential Code) and adopting the
14 2021 edition of the "International
15 Residential Code," as published by
16 the International Code Council,
17 with amendments thereto, as
18 authorized by the Pennsylvania
19 Uniform Construction Code Act, all
20 under certain terms and conditions,
21 respectfully reports it has
22 considered the same and returns the
23 attached bills to Council with a
24 favorable recommendation.

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2 And Bill No. 250644, an
3 ordinance amending Title 4 of The
4 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
5 Philadelphia Building Construction
6 and Occupancy Code," by adopting
7 the 2021 edition of the
8 "International Energy Conservation
9 Code" and the "International
10 Residential Code- Part IV Energy
11 Conservation" as published by the
12 International Code Council, with
13 previously adopted amendments
14 thereto, as authorized by the
15 Pennsylvania Uniform Construction
16 Code Act, all under certain terms
17 and conditions, all under certain
18 terms and conditions, respectfully
19 reports it has considered and
20 amended the same, and returns the
21 attached bill to Council with a
22 favorable recommendation.

23 There are no further
24 bills to report out from the

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2 Committee on Licenses and
3 Inspections, Council President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Mike Driscoll for a
8 motion.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 I move that the rules of
12 Council be suspended to permit
13 first reading this day of the bills
14 just read into the record by the
15 Chief Clerk.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
19 properly seconded that the rules of
20 Council be suspended as to permit
21 the consideration of these bills
22 just read by the Chief Clerk at
23 today's session of Council.

24 All those in favor of

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2 the motion will signify by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
10 motion carries. These bills will
11 be placed on our First Reading
12 Calendar for today.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Phillips for a report
15 from the Committee on Parks and
16 Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

17 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

18 Thank you, Council President.

19 The Committee on Parks,
20 Recreation and Cultural Affairs
21 reports two bills with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the report.

4 CHIEF CLERK: The
5 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
6 Cultural Affairs, to which were
7 referred the following bills: Bill
8 No. 260424, an ordinance
9 establishing temporary parking
10 regulations, and enforcement
11 thereof, and temporary residential
12 and guest parking permits for the
13 vicinity of: the area bounded by
14 the intersection of North 21st
15 Street and North College Avenue,
16 North 21st Street, Master Street,
17 North 25th Street, Cecil B. Moore
18 Avenue, North 33rd Street, West
19 Oxford Street, West Glenwood
20 Avenue, North 32nd Street and
21 continuing along the railroad
22 boundary south from North 32nd
23 Street at West Thompson Street to
24 the intersection of Aspen Street,

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2 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hamilton
3 Street, North 21st Street,
4 Fairmount Avenue, Corinthian
5 Avenue, Brown Street, North 21st
6 Street, Poplar Street, Corinthian
7 Avenue, South College Avenue,
8 Poplar Street, West College Avenue,
9 North College Avenue to the
10 intersection of North College
11 Avenue and North 21st Street, all
12 under certain terms and conditions,
13 respectfully reports it has
14 considered and amended the same and
15 returns the attached bill to
16 Council with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 And Bill No. 260430, an
19 ordinance authorizing the
20 Commissioner of Parks and
21 Recreation, on behalf of the City
22 of Philadelphia, to enter into a
23 multi-year lease agreement with the
24 Fairmount Park Conservancy, under

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2 which the City would lease to the
3 Conservancy portions of the City-
4 owned premises known as Franklin
5 Delano Roosevelt Park for the
6 Conservancy's use, operation,
7 management, maintenance, and
8 repair, all under certain terms and
9 conditions, respectfully reports it
10 has considered the same and returns
11 the attached bill to Council with a
12 favorable recommendation.

13 There are no further
14 bills to report out from the
15 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
16 Cultural Affairs, Council
17 President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Phillips for a
22 motion.

23 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

24 Thank you, Council President.

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2 I move that the rules of
3 Council be suspended to permit the
4 first reading this day of the bills
5 just read into the record by the
6 Chief Clerk.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
10 properly seconded that the rules of
11 Council be suspended so as to
12 permit the consideration of these
13 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
14 at today's session of Council.

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

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
24 motion carries. These bills will

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2 be placed on our First Reading
3 Calendar for today.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
6 report from the Committee on
7 Commerce and Economic Development.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 The Committee on
11 Commerce and Economic Development
12 reports three bills with a
13 favorable recommendation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

16 Chief Clerk, please read
17 the report.

18 CHIEF CLERK: The
19 Committee on Commerce and Economic
20 Development to which were referred
21 the following bills: Bill No.
22 260162, an ordinance amending
23 Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia
24 Code ("Service And Other

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2 Businesses") by adding a new
3 Section 9-631.1 to establish
4 requirements for commercial
5 landlords to take certain remedial
6 action against commercial tenants
7 who engage in tobacco retailing
8 without a required tobacco retailer
9 permit and establishing penalties,
10 all under certain terms and
11 conditions, respectfully reports it
12 has considered the same and returns
13 the attached bill to Council with a
14 favorable recommendation.

15 And Bill No. 260163, an
16 ordinance amending Title 9 of The
17 Philadelphia Code, entitled
18 "Regulation of Businesses, Trades
19 and Professions," to establish
20 restrictions and regulations
21 related to the sale of certain
22 intoxicating substances and
23 providing for associated penalties
24 and enforcement, all under certain

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2 terms and conditions.

3 And Bill No. 260465, an
4 ordinance amending Chapter 10-100
5 ("Animals") of The Philadelphia
6 Code to restrict the operation of
7 carriage horse businesses and to
8 provide for penalties for
9 violations, all under certain terms
10 and conditions, all under certain
11 terms and conditions, respectfully
12 reports it has considered and
13 amended the same and returns the
14 attached bills to Council with a
15 favorable recommendation.

16 There are no further
17 bills to report out from the
18 Committee on Commerce and Economic
19 Development, Council President.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Mark Squilla for a
24 motion.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Thank you, Mr. President.

4 I move the rules of
5 Council be suspended and submit the
6 first reading this day of the bills
7 just read into the record by the
8 Chief Clerk.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
12 properly seconded that the rules of
13 Council be suspended so as to
14 permit the consideration of these
15 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
16 at today's session of Council.

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

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
3 motion carries. These bills will
4 be placed on our First Reading
5 Calendar for today.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
8 report from the Committee on
9 Technology and Information.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 The Committee on
13 Technology and Information Services
14 reports out two bills with a
15 favorable recommendation.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

18 Chief Clerk, please read
19 the report.

20 CHIEF CLERK: The
21 Committee on Technology and
22 Information Services, to which were
23 referred the following bills. Bill
24 No. 260385, an ordinance

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2 authorizing the Chief Information
3 Officer, on behalf of the City, to
4 enter into a multi-year agreement
5 to purchase support for mainframe
6 and database software protocols and
7 applications, under certain terms
8 and conditions.

9 And Bill No. 260386, an
10 ordinance authorizing the Chief
11 Information Officer, on behalf of
12 the City, to enter into a multi-
13 year agreement to purchase licenses
14 for email, cloud services,
15 enterprise software, data services,
16 security software and other related
17 computing products and services,
18 under certain terms and conditions,
19 respectfully reports it has
20 considered the same and returns the
21 attached bills to Council with a
22 favorable recommendation.

23 There are no further
24 bills to report out from the

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2 Committee on Technology and
3 Information Services, Council
4 President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

7 Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
9 motion.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

11 Thank you, Mr. President.

12 I move that the rules of
13 Council be suspended to permit
14 first reading this day of the bills
15 just read into the record by the
16 Chief Clerk.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
20 properly seconded that the rules of
21 Council be suspended so as to
22 permit the consideration of these
23 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
24 at today's session of Council.

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

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
11 motion carries. These bills will
12 be placed in our First Reading
13 Calendar for today.

14 The next order of
15 business is the consideration of
16 the Calendar. I note that the
17 bills reported from committees with
18 the suspension of rules have been
19 deemed to have had a first reading.
20 These bills will be placed on the
21 Second Reading and Final Passage
22 Calendars for the next session of
23 Council.

24 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
3 Richardson for a motion concerning
4 bills on the First Reading
5 Calendar, resolutions on the Final
6 Passage Calendar and bills on the
7 Second Reading and Final Passage
8 Calendars.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 The following bill on
13 the First Reading Calendar is being
14 held: Bill No. 260298. The
15 following resolutions are being
16 called up from the Final Passage
17 Calendar and the following bills
18 are being called up from the Second
19 Reading and Final Passage Calendar
20 today: Resolution Nos. 260545,
21 260546, 260548 and Bill Nos.
22 260063-A, 260212, 260296, 260297,
23 260301, 260340 and 260379.

24 The following

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2 resolutions and bills on the

3 Calendar are being held:

4 Resolution No. 260481 and Bill Nos.

5 250768, 250807 and 260238. 260302

6 is being amended.

7 And with that,

8 Mr. President, I'd like to

9 respectfully request a leave of

10 Council for other very important

11 Council business. And I'd like to

12 be recorded as voting aye on all

13 bills and resolutions. Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Duly recorded. Thank you

16 very much. Leave is granted.

17 Before considering the

18 resolutions and bills, we will

19 consider public comment as follows:

20 Your public comment must concern

21 matters on the Second Reading and

22 Final Passage Calendars for

23 possible action at today's session

24 of Council.

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2 All speakers must sign
3 up in order to testify. If you
4 have not already signed up for
5 today's session, please do so now
6 by giving your name to Ms. Hasson
7 at the table outside the rails to
8 my left. Once you have signed up,
9 you will be called in the order in
10 which your name appears on the
11 sign-up sheet.

12 Under ideal
13 circumstances, public commenters
14 each will have three minutes to
15 speak. However, this time limit
16 may vary from session to session.
17 Today the time limit will be two
18 minutes. In order to be fair to
19 all those wishing to speak, I tend
20 to hold faithfully to the
21 two-minute limit.

22 When you begin speaking,
23 you will see a green light on the
24 podium. When there are 30 seconds

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2 remaining to your time, the light
3 will turn yellow, which is your
4 reminder to conclude your remarks.

5 Once two minutes have passed, the
6 light will turn red and the
7 Sergeant-at-Arms will disconnect
8 the microphone. The Sergeant-at-
9 Arms is only doing his job.

10 Respectfully, please do not give
11 him a hard time. He's just doing
12 his job.

13 At that point, please
14 yield the podium to the next
15 speaker if you have not already
16 done so. I also reserve the right,
17 pursuant to our rules of City
18 Council, to limit repetitious
19 comments on the same subject
20 matter.

21 I will now ask the Chief
22 Clerk to please call the first
23 person for public comment.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Will Renee

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2 Quarterman, William Smalls, Dennis
3 Barneby, David Anker, Milay Galvez,
4 John McAuley, William Tung, Wren
5 Ganey, Jeremy Blatstein and
6 Javonnie Newton, please make your
7 way to the podium.

8 (Witnesses approached
9 podium.)

10 DR. QUARTERMAN: Good
11 morning. Thank you for the
12 opportunity to speak in support of
13 Resolution 260545. My name is
14 Renee Quarterman. I am a surgical
15 breast oncologist and the leader of
16 Philadelphia for Cuba. I have
17 traveled to Cuba several times on
18 humanitarian aid missions and have
19 observed firsthand the suffering
20 that the United States has caused.

21 Cuba has some of the
22 best-trained physicians in the
23 world and their medical brigades
24 have supported small and large

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2 communities on almost every
3 continent. Cuban scientists
4 invented medications to treat lung
5 cancer, diabetic ulcers and
6 Alzheimer's disease. It has done
7 all of these things while being
8 thoroughly opposed by the United
9 States.

10 Since 1959, the United
11 States government has blocked Cuba
12 from development and trade,
13 limiting its potential and wearing
14 away its resources. Cuba's crime
15 was putting its own interests
16 before those of the United States.
17 The first Trump administration
18 placed Cuba on the state sponsors
19 of terrorism list, which decimated
20 Cuba's ability to do business with
21 the world.

22 Cuba is no threat and
23 Cuba is no enemy. The U.S. has
24 most recently cut off all shipments

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2 of oil to the island, and Cubans
3 are without power for over 20 hours
4 a day. There are no fans, stoves
5 or refrigerators. My friends and
6 colleagues can't sleep and they
7 don't know where their next meal
8 will come from.

9 Over 100,000 people are
10 waiting for surgery. And I can
11 tell you that by the time the
12 resources are available, many of
13 the people on that list will be
14 dead or inoperable. The infant
15 mortality rate in Cuba, once among
16 the lowest in the world, has now
17 tripled thanks to the blockade.

18 Why should this City
19 Council endorse this resolution?
20 Because like other cities around
21 the world -- sorry, I think my time
22 is up. I got distracted. I just
23 ask that you please endorse and
24 approve this resolution. Thank

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2 you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

6 MR. SMALLS: Good

7 morning, everybody. My name is
8 William Smalls. I'm a part of a
9 grassroots organization called Flip
10 Philly Red. But today I am here on
11 behalf of my fellow property owners
12 along Kensington Avenue, and I rise
13 today in opposition to Resolution
14 260545 because with all due
15 respect, I cannot understand why
16 Philadelphia City Council is
17 spending time debating Cuba while
18 Philadelphia itself is in a crisis.

19 This is not the
20 government of Cuba. This is not
21 the United Nations. This is
22 Philadelphia City Hall. And the
23 people of this city are asking a
24 simple question: Why does it feel

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2 like this Council fights harder for
3 people outside of this country than
4 citizens living in Philadelphia
5 right now?

6 Philadelphia residents
7 are struggling every single day.
8 Kensington is collapsing. It is a
9 war zone. Councilwoman, drug
10 markets are still open. Families
11 do not feel safe. Businesses are
12 leaving. Working people are barely
13 surviving. But somehow this
14 Council has all the energy for
15 symbolic resolutions, foreign
16 politics and performative activism.

17 I called this months
18 ago. I said once the primaries
19 were over, the energy around the
20 schools would change, working
21 families and the real issues facing
22 Philadelphia would disappear, and
23 that is exactly what is happening
24 now. The election is over and the

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2 primaries are clear. And
3 respectfully, when residents walk
4 in this chamber and still see ICE
5 outside sitting on desks, while our
6 communities are suffering, it sends
7 a message, whether you intend to or
8 not.

9 It tells Philadelphians
10 we have more passion for political
11 slogans and federal immigration
12 than fighting and fixing the
13 conditions in your neighborhood.
14 That is the message we're hearing.
15 And in my opinion, if Congress
16 should investigate anything, it
17 should be why Philadelphia
18 residents feel neglected by the
19 very officials sworn to serve us,
20 because the American people have
21 already seen public officials in
22 this country accused of putting
23 foreign interests ahead of people
24 they represent. Thank you.

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2 MR. BARNEBY: Good
3 afternoon, Council and Council
4 President and Councilmembers. My
5 name is Dennis Barneby. I'm a
6 longtime resident of Germantown and
7 spent my career in the School
8 District of Philadelphia, where I
9 did many testimonies, both here at
10 the school board meetings and at
11 the state level.

12 I'm here on not a
13 dissimilar issue, the harm being
14 done by our country and the money
15 being wasted there instead of being
16 spent here on taking care of the
17 needs we have here in our own city
18 and our own country. The cruelty
19 of the Trump administration seems
20 to know no bounds. Their actions,
21 unrestricted by a silenced
22 Congress, continue to be directed
23 not toward safeguarding our country
24 or spending on our own needs, but

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2 pursuing a foreign policy that
3 seeks cooperative -- a foreign
4 policy that seeks cooperative
5 relations, but instead one that
6 takes advantage of weaknesses,
7 enjoys bullying where possible, and
8 shows force beyond legal limits.

9 Cuba is no threat to the
10 United States. We are wasting our
11 money on unnecessary actions like
12 this. The sanctions imposed in
13 Cuba, if not criminal, are of the
14 highest immorality, dare I say
15 un-American, and need to be
16 reversed to encircle a small nation
17 starving its residents and its
18 children is inhuman.

19 We know change happens
20 through travel, trade and
21 conversation, not by isolation and
22 fearmongering. In spite of many
23 disagreements on governing policy,
24 Cuba has made outstanding

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2 biomedical and education advances,
3 which we know practically nothing
4 about. And for this
5 administration, which has been
6 responsible for innumerable illegal
7 arrests, racist creeds, demonizing
8 anyone of color, was moved to this
9 country, while welcoming White
10 South Africans, ignoring its own
11 procedures for legitimizing
12 residency, using our tax dollars to
13 fund its friends with government
14 contacts for prisons, while
15 mistreating those who have
16 illegally been forced into them,
17 and even now responsible for the
18 deaths of our own citizens, to call
19 another country guilty of state-
20 sponsored terrorism is beyond the
21 pale. Please support this
22 resolution.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. ANKER: Good

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2 morning. Thank you for your time
3 and your interest. My name is
4 David Anker. I live in East Oak
5 Lane. This is a very personal
6 topic for me and one that I have
7 direct knowledge and experience in.
8 I first traveled to Cuba in 2004.
9 I've lived, I visited the country
10 dozens of times in the last 22
11 years.

12 Why? My wife's family
13 lives in Havana. And through their
14 lives and households, aunts,
15 cousins, parents, we understand all
16 too well the daily lives and
17 challenges of common people in
18 Cuba. That is to say, my
19 impression is not based on a book I
20 read or one conversation I once
21 had. It's a lived experience once
22 shared in Cuba with Cuban people,
23 waiting in long lines for food or
24 at the bank or simply sitting in a

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2 dark home without electricity, with
3 no cooking gas, wondering when or
4 if the water will run out.

5 Daily life in Cuba, and
6 the many hardships, shortages and
7 challenges, are the direct intended
8 result of USA policy towards Cuba.
9 The United States policy towards
10 Cuba began in the '60s. And though
11 it has taken twists and turns, it
12 has been largely unchanged in that
13 we use sanctions as a form of
14 collective punishment.

15 Cuba is the second most
16 heavily-sanctioned country in the
17 world. I have to ask, how
18 successful this policy really is,
19 if for 60 years it has not achieved
20 its intended result? More
21 importantly, how fair is the policy
22 of collective punishment. How
23 reasonable is it to use collective
24 suffering of the common folk to

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2 pressure the very few who rule.

3 It is profoundly unfair
4 and it is a violation of the
5 principles of humanity and basic
6 human rights. The sanctions on
7 Cuba should be lifted. New policy
8 based on trade between two equal
9 nations should be adopted. And
10 most importantly, the threats and
11 bluster of military action or
12 intervention in Cuba must end.

13 Regime change is
14 something that any student of
15 history knows is not just wrong,
16 but deeply flawed. I ask you to
17 help Philadelphia shine on this
18 topic, as it has done in so many
19 matters of importance through its
20 illustrious history. Please speak
21 up. Please support this
22 resolution. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. GALVEZ ACOSTA:

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2 Thank you for the opportunity to
3 speak today. My name is Milay
4 Galvez Acosta and I was born and
5 raised in Cuba. I have the
6 fortunate to call Philadelphia home
7 for the past 20 years, but most of
8 my family lives in Cuba. Cubans
9 have suffered way too much for way
10 too long.

11 The current humanitarian
12 crisis is not only unfair, but it's
13 also unproductive. We need new
14 policy of engagement and diplomacy.
15 As a Cuban, I have many, many
16 objections with the government in
17 Havana. Trust me I do. But plenty
18 of economic studies have shown that
19 the U.S. embargo affects the Cuban
20 people and not the government.

21 Collective punishment is
22 wrong, strong and unfair. And the
23 illusion that the U.S. military
24 intervention in Cuba will achieve

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2 freedom for the citizens of Cuba is
3 a fallacy. Violence will not lead
4 us to a free and democratic Cuba.
5 Trade, diplomacy, engagement is
6 what we need. And as a
7 Philadelphia Cuban, I ask you to
8 support this resolution. Thank
9 you.

10 (Applause.)

11 MR. McAULEY: Good
12 morning, everyone. My name is John
13 Allante McAuley. I'm with a
14 grassroots organization called Flip
15 Philly Red. We're here to offer
16 you something different because
17 you've been voting Democrat for the
18 Mayor's office for the past 70
19 years. In regard to Resolution
20 260545, a resolution urging the
21 Trump administration to remove Cuba
22 from the list of state sponsors of
23 terrorism, I ask why does the
24 Democratic and Working Families

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2 Party support communism? Thank
3 God, Barack Hussein Obama is not in
4 office.

5 Cuba is known for
6 harboring terrorists and protecting
7 cop killers who killed the New
8 Jersey state trooper. We stand
9 with the Cuban people, not its
10 government, who is responsible for
11 economic mismanagement, centralized
12 control, infrastructure decay and
13 political repression. Electricity
14 outages, blackouts often last 12 to
15 20 hours per day. Many families
16 only eat once a day.

17 One study showed 89% of
18 the population is in extreme
19 poverty. Over 1000 political
20 prisoners reported in recent years
21 for criticizing their government.
22 This includes activists, artists
23 and journalists, but Democrats
24 don't care about that. Their whole

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2 message is Trump is bad, orange man
3 is an idiot and we love communism.
4 We should give direct aid to the
5 Cuban people, not lift economic
6 sanctions for their government with
7 all of those American tax dollars
8 that went to USA.

9 Why are those people
10 still in poverty? Cuba stands with
11 American enemies, Iran, Russia,
12 China. And I guess Councilman
13 O'Rourke clearly stands with them
14 as well. Democrats in the Working
15 Families Party control government
16 in Philadelphia. Malcolm X called
17 Black voters who gave unwavering
18 support who, without demanding
19 results, chumps. And I quote, You
20 put them first and they put you
21 last because you're a chump, a
22 political chump. But you can
23 change that in November. November,
24 Stacy Garrity for governor.

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2 MR. TUNG: Good morning.

3 Tough act to follow there. My name
4 is Will Tung. I'm a volunteer over
5 at Fire Advocacy. I'm here in
6 support of Councilmember Phillips'
7 resolution, calling on hearings
8 toward more parks and rec funding.
9 This is an issue that's deeply
10 personal to me.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. TUNG: Yeah. Thank
13 you, guys. Round of applause. I
14 live around the corner from
15 Kingsessing Rec Center, which just
16 had a ribbon-cutting, right, \$27
17 million, beautiful facility. I
18 never thought it would look like
19 that. Unfortunately, a couple
20 weeks ago there was a leak, right,
21 and it ruined the basketball gym
22 floor. It was a month after the
23 ribbon cutting.

24 And now that the gym

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2 floor is closed just because of
3 maintenance, I am deeply concerned
4 that if we don't keep up this
5 investment that we made in the
6 community, that it's just going to
7 go back to the way it was, right.
8 And so, we need to follow up with
9 these historic investments and
10 rebuild with Parks & Rec
11 maintenance funding so that we can
12 keep our parks and rec facilities
13 open and available to the
14 community.

15 I also want to talk a
16 little bit about transit-oriented
17 communities. I'm so glad that
18 transit-oriented communities has
19 made it into Council. We look
20 forward to speaking on it at the
21 Rules Committee next week and, you
22 know, development is here. We have
23 a growing city again and we want to
24 make sure that growth is around

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2 public transportation to support
3 SEPTA ridership to make sure our
4 city is sustainable, and that is
5 just where housing should go
6 naturally to decrease the negative
7 impacts of it on the city toward
8 congestion and environmental and
9 all that. So thank you so much,
10 guys.

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. GANEY: Good
13 morning, Council President Johnson
14 and Philadelphia Councilmembers.
15 Thank you for the opportunity to
16 speak today. My name is Wren
17 Ganey, and I'm here to voice strong
18 support for the resolution
19 authorizing a hearing on our city's
20 park system.

21 As Advocacy Manager at
22 Penn Future, my work in Philly is
23 deeply focused on quality-of-life
24 issues, and protecting and

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2 expanding our green spaces is a top
3 priority. I'm grateful to
4 Councilmember Phillips for his
5 leadership and commitment to our
6 parks and for introducing this
7 legislation.

8 Our parks are not just
9 amenities. They are essential
10 public infrastructure. They cool
11 our neighborhoods during extreme
12 heat, absorb rainwater and protect
13 our homes from flooding, provide
14 safe places for families to gather
15 and support the health and
16 resilience of all of our
17 communities.

18 But we also know that
19 access to high-quality parks is not
20 experienced equally across our
21 city. Some neighborhoods enjoy
22 well-maintained, vibrant green
23 spaces while others face aging
24 facilities, limited programming,

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2 and chronic disinvestment.

3 Authorizing this hearing is a
4 critical first step towards
5 understanding those disparities and
6 building a park system that truly
7 serves all residents.

8 A hearing will allow us
9 to bring forward data, community
10 experience, and best practices from
11 other cities so that we can
12 evaluate what's working, where gaps
13 remain, and what long-term
14 investments are needed. It creates
15 a space for residents, community
16 organizations, and experts to speak
17 directly to Council about the
18 conditions in their neighborhoods
19 and the opportunities that they see
20 for improvement.

21 This is a conversation
22 about public health, climate
23 resilience, youth opportunity, and
24 quality of life. By moving this

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2 resolution, Council signals that
3 our parks matter, equity matters,
4 and the planning for the future of
5 our green spaces deserves
6 thoughtful and transparent
7 discussion. I ask you to support
8 this resolution and I look forward
9 to the conversation that will lead
10 to actionable strategies for
11 strengthening our park system. On
12 behalf of Penn Future, thank you
13 for your time and thank you again
14 to Councilmember Phillips.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHIEF CLERK: Will Lynn
17 Landes, Michelle Lee, Dr. Jay Arzu,
18 Caroline Mubiru, Cooper Bard,
19 Jayson Massey, and Rebecca Fabiano,
20 please make your way to the podium.

21 (Witnesses approached
22 podium.)

23 MR. BLATSTEIN: Good
24 morning, Philadelphia City Council.

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2 My name is Jeremy Blatstein. I am
3 a little flabbergasted right now.
4 I don't care what side you're on,
5 yet this body shouldn't be talking
6 about Cuba. Like respectfully, it
7 really doesn't make any sense that
8 we're talking about Cuba when
9 respectfully, we should be holding
10 hearings on the Philadelphia
11 Sheriff's Department.

12 Maybe we should be
13 holding hearings on the parks and
14 recs, right. We got to fund our
15 public things. We need to talk
16 about gun violence, right. House
17 of Umoja, shout-out to my guy right
18 here, right. He came up through
19 Queen Mother Falaka Fattah and
20 House of Umoja. It's really
21 important for gun violence, but
22 respectfully talking about Cuba
23 right now is not even the top 100
24 of the issues facing Philadelphia

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2 today.

3 Next, we're talking
4 about spot zoning. Isn't spot
5 zoning illegal in Philadelphia?
6 Yes, it is. But isn't it that
7 maybe there's like five, six, seven
8 or eight different bills today that
9 rezone a piece of property. But I
10 support that today, right.

11 Why do I support spot
12 zoning today? Because it helps
13 small businesses. We need a
14 process to help small businesses
15 get legal. How do you do that?
16 Up-zoning our transit corridors and
17 changing our zoning regulation
18 instead of having to either go to
19 the ZBA or because of councilmanic
20 prerogative, you're spot zoning
21 individual lots to change the
22 zoning to allow that business.
23 That's what's happening right here
24 with this bill and we need to

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2 change that so that we can help
3 small businesses additionally.
4 Small businesses, right. We need
5 to get rid of (inaudible). You
6 hear it all the time from your
7 small businesses in your community,
8 they're getting affected right now,
9 and this body's not doing enough
10 and this budget's not doing enough.

11 And last but not least,
12 we're talking about SEPTA,
13 especially more homes near transit,
14 right. This bill, Transit-oriented
15 communities, does not go far enough
16 right now because there's not
17 enough stops in this bill. Each
18 and every District member should be
19 looking at the stops in their
20 districts to add to this bill in
21 order to up-zone.

22 Additionally, we should
23 be eliminating parking minimums
24 across the board in the TOCS. Ride

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2 the ride. Grow Philly to 2 milly.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. NEWTON: Good

5 morning, everyone. My name is

6 Javonnie Asante Newton. I am a

7 member of the organization called

8 Flip Philly Red. Resolution No.

9 260546, the reason I'm opposed to

10 this resolution is that if nobody

11 gets over 50% of first choice

12 votes, the last place candidate is

13 eliminated. Those votes, ballots

14 transfer to the next choice and the

15 process repeats until someone has a

16 majority.

17 For example, if

18 candidate A gets eliminated, your

19 vote automatically goes to

20 candidate B. I also disagree with

21 this resolution, that if

22 Pennsylvania passed legislation

23 allowing local RCV systems,

24 Philadelphia could potentially

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2 adopt it for the Mayoral election,
3 City Council races.

4 Primary elections or
5 special elections supporters argue
6 it could reduce vote splitting in
7 crowded primaries, can confuse
8 voters, make counts slower and may
9 not significantly change outcomes.
10 Would it automatically change
11 Philadelphia election? No, the
12 resolution itself does not vote
13 immediately. It's more like we
14 urge the state legislature to let
15 local governments decide, so the
16 immediate effect is political
17 pressure, not a direct change to
18 ballots. Under the current system,
19 someone can win with only a
20 plurality, the most votes, even if
21 most folks prefer someone else.

22 Thank you.

23 MS. LANDES: Good
24 morning. I'm Lynn Landes of Philly

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2 Republican Network. I'm opposed to
3 Resolution 260546, which calls on
4 the Pennsylvania legislators to
5 allow ranked choice voting, as if
6 our ballots aren't long and
7 confusing enough already. Ranked
8 choice voting is well-known as a
9 backdoor method by which the most
10 popular candidates can lose
11 elections due to the complexity of
12 the process.

13 We should be simplifying
14 our elections, not making them more
15 complicated. Ballot fatigue is a
16 real thing. For example, we should
17 follow the federal model and
18 eliminate elections for judges and
19 for all elected executive branch
20 offices, except Governor, Mayor,
21 and County Commissioners. And
22 elections for Board of Elections
23 and committee people should be
24 replaced with an election for world

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2 leaders instead, who can then
3 coordinate with the County
4 commissioners to fill those
5 positions.

6 But what really bothers
7 most voters is that they're never
8 really sure that their votes were
9 counted at all. The paper ballots
10 produced by the machines are not
11 hand-counted unless an election is
12 close, which is .05%, but that
13 simply tells those who want to rig
14 an election to do so by a
15 sufficient margin as to not trigger
16 a recount, and audits are not a
17 reliable method to guard against
18 this kind of election fraud. Why
19 not hand-count all ballots at the
20 polls on Election Day. Whether the
21 ballots are produced by a machine
22 or mailed in, that can be done more
23 easily of course if we simplify our
24 elections.

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2 It's time to rethink our
3 election process and most
4 importantly, the wisdom of relying
5 solely on machine-counted ballots,
6 ballots that can be easily
7 miscounted by accident or design.
8 Thank you.

9 MS. LEE: Good morning
10 and thank you. My name is Michelle
11 Lee. I'm speaking in favor of the
12 Parks funding resolution. I'm a
13 parent in South Philly in the 1st
14 District, and I've been a Parks
15 volunteer for over 25 years. I
16 have two little kids. They're 3
17 and 5. We're in parks almost every
18 single day every season.

19 Last weekend we were in
20 four parks in one day. I love our
21 city's park system. It's really
22 world-class. And in the past few
23 years, we've shown that we can
24 build amazing flagship projects

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2 like the new FDR Park Playground,
3 the Penns Landing Park, Borski
4 Park, the whole Rebuild program.

5 But just like Will said,
6 you know, we see the cracks
7 immediately. Just last weekend we
8 went to the Anna C. Verna
9 Playground, it's one of the crown
10 jewels. The water fountain was
11 broken. There was broken fencing
12 all around it. When I go to my
13 neighborhood park at Dickinson
14 Square, the sidewalk is so cracked
15 a stroller tips over. The grass
16 has been scratched to dust and this
17 can go on and on.

18 I live very close to
19 Washington Ave. We all know the
20 parks and playgrounds north of
21 Washington Ave have open bathrooms
22 and water fountains. The ones
23 south of it tend not to. The
24 ribbon cuttings are what make

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2 headlines. We get a nice photo op,
3 but maintenance is what makes
4 promises real. We're really
5 starved for maintenance in our
6 parks, big and small.

7 For every dollar
8 Baltimore invests in its parks per
9 person. Philly spends \$0.54. So
10 I'm not talking New York, San
11 Francisco, Los Angeles. Let's
12 compare ourselves to our peer
13 cities and match at least that
14 energy. I'm a volunteer with two
15 friends groups, Philly volunteers
16 at more than twice the national
17 average, so we're running our
18 world-class system on love and
19 fumes and duct tape, but duct tape
20 can't be the only answer.

21 There are many things
22 volunteers just can't do: chainsaw
23 work, mowing, skilled trades work,
24 like fixing gates, benches,

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2 sinkholes, and Street lights, and a
3 lot of problems run deeper than any
4 friends group can solve. I've been
5 hauling the same 100 tires out of a
6 ditch in Fairmount Park for 10
7 years. We've been sweeping broken
8 glass. So let's invest in our
9 parks. Let's invest in health, the
10 immune benefits, the community
11 benefits, mental health benefits,
12 benefits on reducing crime.

13 Nature is not a luxury.
14 When we underinvest in parks, we
15 pay for it somewhere else. So
16 please vote yes on this resolution.
17 Thank you.

18 DR. ARZU: Good
19 afternoon. I'm Dr. Jay Arzu. I am
20 here in full support of the
21 resolution by Councilman O'Rourke.
22 Ranked choice voting is a national
23 best practice where it has been
24 enacted across the United States.

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2 From the big city to the north to
3 the great North Alaska, it has
4 worked.

5 The adoption of ranked
6 choice voting tends to happen in
7 three phases. First, when it is
8 initially introduced, some voters
9 are understandably unfamiliar with
10 the process. It becomes our
11 responsibility to educate voters to
12 help bridge this gap. Second comes
13 understanding. Voters begin to
14 appreciate that their preferences
15 can be reflected more fully and
16 more thoughtfully in the democratic
17 process.

18 Third comes
19 appreciation, even enthusiasm.
20 Cities and states that have adopted
21 ranked choice voting have not
22 repealed it, because once voters
23 become familiar with the system,
24 they recognize its value and

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2 support it. I'll conclude by
3 saying this: Ranked choice voting
4 is a proven best practice and the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should
6 enact the legislation to allow
7 local jurisdictions to adapt ranked
8 choice voting. Thank you. And
9 I'll be back next week to testify
10 in support of Transit Oriented
11 Communities Bill 260517. I'll see
12 you then. Thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. MUBIRU: Hello. My
15 name is Caroline and I'm here to
16 express my support of Resolution
17 260545. I recently traveled to
18 Cuba April/May of this year for the
19 first time. And while for me, I
20 haven't had any other experience
21 but seeing relatively empty
22 streets. Other travelers who have
23 been to Cuba many times noted to me
24 this is not normal.

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2 The Cuban people have
3 experienced an economic,
4 technological and commercial
5 blockade as a result of the United
6 States for over 60 years, which has
7 now escalated to oil/fuel
8 shortages, resulting in 20-hour
9 blackouts, as other people have
10 noted. Blackouts that not only
11 leave the Cuban people without
12 electricity to cook for themselves
13 and their children, but also
14 operate machinery and do various
15 everyday tasks needed to live.

16 One person noted it
17 having psychological effects. As
18 when in the dark for so long, when
19 finally in the light and you see
20 yourself, you need to adjust to
21 seeing yourself. This is all while
22 the structure within Cuba is
23 present to support the Cuban
24 people.

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2 From a teacher in an
3 elementary school noting they don't
4 have bad grades, so as not to have
5 the children internalize a bad
6 grade as them being bad, to a
7 school for children with physical
8 and mobility needs having dentists,
9 physical therapists, and other
10 physicians at schools to support
11 them to the point where they can
12 get their annual checkups at
13 school, so the maternity clinic for
14 pregnant people with any level of
15 risk, who also have a team of
16 doctors, from psychologists to
17 OB-GYN nurses that meet weekly to
18 talk about each case they have, so
19 they don't miss any change in vital
20 signs across medical disciplines,
21 which resulted in this clinic
22 having a 0% transmission of HIV and
23 syphilis to infants last year.

24 Each of these examples

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2 shows how Cuba prioritizes the care
3 of its people. There were 33
4 maternal deaths in 2023, 33 across
5 the country. And this is after I
6 described just a little bit of the
7 holistic care at the maternity
8 clinic. 33 deaths in 2023 is
9 contrasted by the 148% increase in
10 infant deaths as a result of this
11 continued increase in sanctions and
12 the blockade. Vote in favor to end
13 the US blockade, remove Cuba from
14 the state-sponsored terrorist list,
15 and oppose any military actions
16 against the island.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. BARD: Hello,
19 Councilors. My name is Cooper
20 Bard. I'm a rank-and-file Teamster
21 and a local resident. Thank you
22 for the opportunity to speak on
23 Resolution 260545. This resolution
24 is about the future of the Cuban

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2 and US people. As a working person
3 in the United States, I have the
4 right to speak out against the
5 actions of my own government, which
6 has carried out nothing less than a
7 multi-generational assault against
8 the working people of Cuba.

9 It is our responsibility
10 to end this assault. US working
11 people were never cut off from the
12 outside world and starved,
13 literally and metaphorically, by a
14 hostile foreign power, but the
15 Cuban people live that daily. They
16 cannot get fuel, which means they
17 cannot run hospitals, can't use
18 farm equipment. Water pumps are
19 inoperable nor can they light their
20 homes.

21 This is not a
22 deprivation brought about by their
23 government, but by ours. We must
24 also stand against our own

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2 government when it pit (inaudible)
3 and unjust war. We have all seen
4 how our government's irresponsible
5 wars lead to more global chaos, not
6 peace, not security. We can't be
7 silent when the federal government
8 squanders trillions of dollars
9 destabilizing other countries while
10 refusing to fund basic programs for
11 public health, education, and mass
12 transit in our cities.

13 The Cuban working people
14 fight for civil liberties in their
15 country. Working people in the US
16 are also fighting for our own civil
17 liberties. We have to fight this
18 new McCarthyism in the universities
19 that target students and faculty
20 who speak out against the genocide
21 of Palestinians.

22 We have to fight for the
23 families who are separated by ICE
24 and inhumane holding cells,

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2 deprived of their constitutional
3 rights to due process and against
4 cruel punishment in places like
5 Louisiana and Tennessee. Black
6 workers still have to struggle to
7 be present in Congress to have
8 their vote even matter. Our
9 government should not be dictating
10 to other countries at gunpoint what
11 democracy looks like. Councilors,
12 you have an opportunity to join
13 cities and municipalities around
14 the world who recognize law and
15 justice. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHIEF CLERK: Will

18 Dr. Samuel Wyche, Adriana Thomas
19 Summer Freeman, C. Michael
20 Robinson, Jamal Johnson, David
21 Alexander Jenkins, Pierre Peters,
22 Rachel Myers, and Mazzi Ingram,
23 please make your way to the podium.

24 (Witnesses approached

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2 podium.)

3 MR. MASSEY: My name is
4 Jayson Massey. He/him here on
5 behalf of March on Harrisburg. And
6 I'm here to urge you to vote yes on
7 260546 to resolve to enable ranked
8 choice voting in Pennsylvania and
9 approve elections for voters and
10 for candidates like yourselves. I
11 stopped by one of the City
12 Councilmembers' offices today, and
13 they were excited about rank choice
14 voting, and shocked to hear that
15 May's primary turnout was only 22%.
16 Not even 1 in 4 people voted.

17 Can we do better? Yes.
18 Ranked choice voting will help win
19 with reluctant voters. They will
20 move off the fence and into the
21 polls. Why more choices? They
22 hate the winner-take-all elections
23 and this helps them a lot. No more
24 lesser of two evils voting. You

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2 may have gotten a flyer from me at
3 the Caucus about this effort.

4 You will notice that the
5 first bullet point is about
6 spoilers. What's a spoiler?

7 Here's an example. James Malone
8 narrowly won a special election for
9 state senate. Three candidates
10 ran: a Republican, a Democrat, and
11 a Libertarian. If the Libertarian
12 gave their votes to the Republican,
13 Malone would have still won by only
14 two votes. Spoilers draw away
15 votes, and it only takes a couple
16 candidates to threaten your jobs
17 here. Ranked choice voting is
18 non-controversial. It's a self-
19 defense plan for democracy.

20 Special elections in Philly already
21 use it. This is how Chris Rabb was
22 elected for a State Rep, and now
23 he's going to Congress, (inaudible)
24 crowd for Chris Rabb.

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2 Lastly, at least one of
3 you here has run against a well-
4 funded business person in the
5 primary. This will happen more
6 because there are people like
7 Jeffrey Yaz around, he's Philly's
8 richest man, and he sees his
9 meddling and selections as bets.
10 And as you can see, billionaires
11 are already funding grassroots
12 organizations like Turn PA Dead, so
13 they're coming for you.

14 RCV discourages
15 dismantling by eliminating the
16 winner-take-all part of elections
17 when there's no winner with 50% or
18 more to vote at the last mayoral
19 primary. 10 candidates, the
20 perfect chance to use RCV. Thank
21 you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. FABIANO: Good
24 morning. My name is Rebecca

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2 Fabiano. I'm the Executive
3 Director of Fab Youth Philly, and
4 I'd like to thank Councilmember
5 Brooks and Lozada for recognizing
6 Fab Youth Philly's 10-year
7 anniversary through the resolution
8 this morning.

9 Nonprofits like Fab
10 Youth Philly are integral to the
11 safety and vibrancy of our city.
12 It's worth noting that Fab Youth
13 Philly is part of a vast ecosystem
14 made up of hundreds and hundreds of
15 youth-serving nonprofits that serve
16 the hundreds and thousands-plus
17 young people and their families all
18 across Philadelphia. Whether our
19 organizations serve 6-year-olds or
20 16-year-olds, whether we offer
21 sports programming, mentorship or
22 photography, we all want our young
23 people to have positive
24 relationships with caring adults

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2 and their peers. We want them to
3 have opportunities to explore their
4 passions and interests to enter
5 into young adulthood.

6 Young adulthood is
7 confident, capable, critical
8 thinkers and contributors to our
9 city and our world. Our approach
10 at Fab Youth Philly includes
11 identifying gaps and opportunities,
12 then using a strengths-based
13 approach as we identify and
14 collaborate with cross-sector and
15 values-aligned partners. This
16 results in all pools opening for
17 four years in a row, young adults
18 lifted up as leaders and role
19 models in neighborhoods that are
20 safe and vibrant and hundreds of
21 thousands of dollars being
22 generated in wages.

23 Our programming is
24 guided by evidence-based

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2 frameworks, rigorous data
3 collection and evaluation and
4 facilitated by incredibly talented,
5 capable, caring youth workers.

6 They prepare young people for the
7 workforce to live life on their own
8 terms by centering positive
9 relationships, providing
10 encouragement and holding teens to
11 high expectations.

12 To date, we've created
13 paid training and employment
14 opportunities for more than 600
15 young people. Last year alone we
16 paid out more than \$150,000 in
17 salaries to teens each summer. On
18 one of the Playstreets, a 7, 8 or
19 11-year-old will look up at me and
20 say, how old do I have to be to be
21 a play captain. And last year we
22 hired two teens who once were
23 children on the Playstreets, and we
24 hired two former program

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2 participants as group leaders.

3 Back in 2020, you heard
4 Donald Trump say bad things happen
5 in Philly. We reclaim that to say
6 fab things happen in Philly, not
7 just about our organization, but to
8 remind everyone that we are a city
9 filled with fabulous opportunities,
10 people, institutions, and
11 especially young people and the
12 organizations that support them.
13 Thank you for the opportunity.

14 (Applause.)

15 DR. WYCHE: Good
16 afternoon. I'm Dr. Samuel Philip
17 Wyche, Jr. I'm here to speak in
18 support of Bill 260548. I would
19 like to start by expressing my
20 sincere appreciation to the City of
21 Philadelphia and City Council for
22 the recognition by way of this
23 proclamation honoring our father
24 for the years of service he devoted

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2 to public service.

3 Detective Samuel Philip
4 Wyche, Sr. was noted for his valor,
5 courage, and distinction as a
6 member of the Philadelphia Police
7 Department. As brief as possible,
8 I'd like to share with you how all
9 the accolades mentioned in the
10 proclamation were carried out, not
11 only in the police force work, but
12 also when not on duty and a part of
13 his legacy.

14 Detective Wyche was a
15 family man, first a husband, a
16 father, brother, son, grandfather,
17 great-grandfather, and great-great-
18 grandfather, teacher, and friend.
19 On a police force officer's salary,
20 he graced the end with the grace of
21 God. All six children completed
22 college and went on to even higher
23 education because of the foundation
24 he established at home. He was a

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2 man of integrity and honesty, with
3 high values and morals, conviction.
4 At times it was what he did, not
5 what he said, that had the deepest
6 impact.

7 I would now give you one
8 example of his influences. His
9 influence on me and my siblings, as
10 the apple doesn't fall far from the
11 tree. Following his service on the
12 police force, he worked on the
13 Board of Education. At one point,
14 all of my siblings were teaching in
15 the teaching field. They held
16 positions of special education
17 teachers, principals, counselor of
18 Vietnam veterans in prison and
19 lawyers.

20 It was our father that
21 got up early each morning and made
22 sure that each morning before
23 leaving the house, we would have
24 food in our stomach and wear the

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2 right clothes. It was knowing that
3 following the death of his first
4 wife due to diabetes, leaving him
5 with two children to raise before
6 he met and married our mother, that
7 he drew my strength from him when
8 my first wife died due to toxic
9 shock syndrome, leaving me with two
10 children to raise before meeting
11 and marrying my current wife
12 Leslie.

13 His work as a homicide
14 detective was the force behind my
15 interest in serving as a deputy
16 coroner autopsy technician for five
17 years in Allegheny County. His
18 work in homicide and his fighting
19 crime was also influential,
20 influential in my serving as
21 Director of Psychiatry for
22 Graterford Prison to understand the
23 criminal mind from within.

24 It was knowing of his

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2 work as a quartermaster during the
3 Second World War, that influenced
4 my brother's service in the Vietnam
5 War and my service as Captain in
6 the 108th Combat Support Hospital
7 Army National Guard. Lastly, I
8 will say that it was his devotion
9 and distinction as a plain-clothes
10 detective working in Intelligence
11 in the Philadelphia Police force
12 that resulted in him being
13 handpicked to protect Dr. Martin
14 Luther King, Jr. when Dr. King
15 visited Philadelphia.

16 It was the impressions
17 of my father's dedication and
18 investment in the Civil Rights
19 Movement that influenced me to work
20 to better understand and find a way
21 to dismantle racism. During the
22 movement in the '60s, there were
23 many voices raised by politicians,
24 lawyers, teachers, people in

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2 business, people in medicine,
3 performing arts, laborers, and
4 activists.

5 The one voice not heard
6 loud enough was that of mental
7 health workers. It's through my
8 many years of work in mental health
9 that I can say without a doubt, in
10 honor of my father, who lived
11 through and survived racism, racism
12 has nothing to do with the way we
13 look. It has everything to do with
14 the way we think. Racism has
15 nothing to do with what we see.
16 Racism has absolutely everything to
17 do with what we learn to think
18 about what we see. Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

21 Thank you.

22 MS. FREEMAN: Thank you
23 to City Council and to President
24 Johnson for the support and

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2 introduction of Bill -- I'm sorry.

3 My name is Summer Freeman. Thank

4 you for having us here and thank

5 you for your support of Bill

6 260548. On behalf of 17

7 grandchildren of Detective Wyche

8 and another 19 great-grands, two of

9 whom are here -- three of whom are

10 here, I'm sorry, thank you for this

11 honor.

12 There is no one like my

13 Pop-pop. He led from the front

14 with sacrifice and standards and

15 service, and it shows through all

16 of his children who are all public

17 servants and believe you should

18 leave the world better than you

19 came here. I will say also that I

20 don't believe that someone passes

21 away on the day that their heart

22 stops. They pass away when their

23 name is spoken for the very last

24 time, and you have introduced a

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2 bill that makes it so that we can
3 continue to speak his name and keep
4 his spirit alive and it deserves to
5 be kept alive, because there are
6 not many made like that anymore.

7 He was honorable, he was
8 precious, and he made a personal
9 relationship with every single one
10 of us so that all of us could call
11 him our Pop-pop. I'm raised in
12 Jersey, went to Temple and Central
13 255 with my girl Claudia, and there
14 was nothing like driving up Lincoln
15 Drive and making the right on to
16 Hortter Street, and knowing it was
17 about to go down with my cousins.
18 And I hope to keep that spirit
19 alive every time I turn that
20 (inaudible). Bad place to tear up,
21 but a wonderful place to be.

22 Thank you for embracing
23 my family, Philadelphia. Thank you
24 for honoring my Pop-pop. 33 years

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2 was not long enough.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: It's
5 our pleasure to introduce the
6 resolution to honor him.

7 MR. ROBINSON: Good
8 morning, Council. I'm (inaudible)
9 Robinson. I am a proud Wynnefield
10 resident. I rise today on in
11 support of Bill No. 250768.
12 Because as a former borough manager
13 in neighboring Delco, I have seen
14 this system from the inside. I'm
15 ashamed to admit I have been a part
16 of the problem. And every single
17 person in this room is also a part
18 of the problem because we all
19 consume and we all produce trash.

20 I've watched
21 municipalities across Southeastern
22 Pennsylvania spend millions of
23 taxpayer dollars sending waste to
24 incinerators, while Black and

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2 working-class families continue
3 paying the real cost with their air
4 quality, their health outcomes and
5 their futures. In Collingdale
6 alone, we sent hundreds of
7 thousands of tons of waste and
8 nearly half a million dollars
9 annually into a system where many
10 residents increasingly argue is
11 poisoning their region for
12 convenience of government.

13 So let me say this
14 plainly: Our municipal boundaries
15 may stop at the County line, our
16 pollution does not. Their asthma
17 does not. The environmental
18 injustice does not. Philadelphia
19 is the largest city in the
20 Commonwealth. What this Council
21 does here has the power to
22 influence the entire region. We
23 have grown way too comfortable
24 treating poor and Black communities

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2 as sacrifice zones. In the name of
3 operational convenience, that must
4 end today. I urge Council and the
5 Mayor to hear the calls of
6 organizers, advocates and leaders
7 like Mayor Roots, who have been
8 sounding the alarm for years,
9 because residents are watching.
10 And ahead of another election
11 cycle, people want to know whether
12 this government is serious about
13 justice or merely comfortable
14 talking cyclically about it. Thank
15 you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. MILES: Hi. My name
18 is Lorraine Miles and I'm in place
19 of Jamal Johnson. I'm speaking for
20 my dear brother Noel Miles who has
21 been an advocate, a teacher, a
22 professor of art his entire life,
23 from the time he lived in Richard
24 Allen Projects right up until now.

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2 I am just so proud of you. I just
3 wanted to say this is something
4 well-deserved. His prints are all
5 over City Hall. They used it for
6 the 2001 Republican Convention,
7 which we have forgiven him for, but
8 it's wonderful. Thank you. Noah.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. NOAH: I just want
11 to say real quick, since we do have
12 some extra time, that I think that
13 it's important that people do know
14 that he's alive, that he's here and
15 the people that see his photo
16 should know who the man is. And I
17 personally am proud of him. I want
18 everyone else here to recognize
19 him.

20 And if you don't mind,
21 he's 90 years old. He earned the
22 right. Can we please give him a
23 round of applause?

24 (Applause.)

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2 MR. MILES: I cannot --
3 any of this without Greta
4 Greenberger. And if you've lived
5 as long as I have, and hopefully
6 she will live longer, she has the
7 kind of creative energy that has
8 called for the beautification of
9 City Hall. So damn the politicians
10 and let the artists go ahead.
11 Because after all, Ancient Rome
12 would never have lived without
13 Claudius or whoever that other jerk
14 was.

15 (Applause.)

16 MS. GREENBERGER: My
17 name is Greta Greenberger. I've
18 been a tour guide at City Hall for
19 almost 30 years. Years ago Noel
20 came to me and asked if he could do
21 some paintings in rooms like this
22 and other major rooms in the
23 building, and we composed a book in
24 2002 with his beautiful

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2 watercolors. I don't know where
3 the one example went. I am in the
4 process of reprinting it. You
5 should all have it for your
6 knowledge about our history of
7 these beautiful rooms.

8 And Noel is so gifted,
9 and we have about 15 of his
10 paintings in the Visitor Center on
11 the ground floor. If you have not
12 been into Room 121, the walls are
13 covered with Noel's original
14 watercolor paintings. We have a
15 gift in this man and thank God he's
16 still with us, and thank you for
17 letting me tell you this.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

20 Thank you.

21 MR. JENKINS: Madam
22 Chair, members, and guests, Dave
23 Alexander Jenkins and I rise per
24 the resolution as presented by

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2 Member Harrity, on the Chair's
3 behalf to raise the damn wage. I
4 recall speaking to this very truth
5 standing behind Representative
6 Green as she championed the fight
7 in Harrisburg to correct this
8 injustice.

9 It was then that I
10 begged the Assembly to remember
11 that the truths held self-evident,
12 that created us equal, the we, the
13 people of the United States of
14 America, the truths that endowed us
15 with unalienable rights, those of
16 life, liberty and the pursuit of
17 happiness could not be realized by
18 a people shackled by poverty.

19 Brothers and sisters of
20 love, what happiness could be
21 achieved with a minimum wage of
22 \$7.25 per hour or just under
23 \$15,000 a year? It was then, as
24 now, that I took to the liberty to

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2 share that I interpret the
3 protections of our 5th and 14th
4 amendment, which prohibit the
5 deprivation of life, liberty, or
6 the pursuit of happiness without
7 due process, and I apply it to such
8 an unlivable wage that for me, and
9 perhaps many of you, this meets the
10 standard of what I call entrapment.

11 As the wage is grossly
12 negligent in addressing the need,
13 which we know to be no less than
14 \$23.26 per hour, just to meet the
15 standard of a living life. The
16 current minimum wage invites the
17 behaviors of impropriety forced
18 upon those whose wages lead to
19 actions that breed the consequences
20 that will and do strip them of the
21 very liberty, property, and their
22 lives without process.

23 Members, we must never
24 relegate the people we are sworn to

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2 protect to, to lives that are
3 struck into survival mode, lives
4 that demand criminality to survive.

5 As the heart of this Commonwealth
6 and the cultural core of its
7 economic engine, let us rise with
8 moral clarity and practical
9 urgency, protecting the dignity of
10 our neighbors. As I said then and
11 say now, raise the damn wage.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. PETERS: Thank you,
14 City Council. My name is Pierre
15 Lee Peters. I live in Brewerytown,
16 and I'm sure you can tell from my
17 shirt that I'm supporting the
18 resolution on Cuba. I share the
19 message of previous supporters and
20 reiterate that Cuban people deserve
21 self-determination. We must do
22 everything in our power to stop the
23 economic isolation and energy
24 starvation of Cuba, enforced by the

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2 Trump administration.

3 This resolution will
4 push the needle towards normalizing
5 relations between our two
6 countries, releasing this beautiful
7 island nation from our
8 stranglehold. Cuba's
9 radicalization was daring to
10 liberate itself from foreign
11 occupation. Its extremism was
12 announcing that it belonged to
13 those who would nurture it, not
14 those who exploited it.

15 Cuba's act of terror was
16 giving land to those who labored
17 over it for generations. Our own
18 revolutionary project, 250 years
19 ago, conveniently forgot about the
20 millions who actually built this
21 country and instead of bombs, Cuba
22 sends doctors to forgotten corners
23 of the world. They offered aid to
24 families who lost everything in

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2 Hurricane Katrina and treated 911
3 first responders when the United
4 States cast them aside.

5 Cubans do this because
6 they feel a debt owed in continued
7 service to humanity. Designating
8 Cuba as a state sponsor of
9 terrorism is one of many efforts to
10 tighten the grip of a false
11 narrative. Cuba is not, has never
12 been and will never be a threat to
13 American society. We cannot keep
14 allowing the United States to bully
15 independent nations through
16 retribution.

17 I had the opportunity to
18 visit Cuba this month, where I
19 witnessed firsthand the conditions
20 that these people live under.
21 Although this energy crisis was
22 engineered by the Trump regime, it
23 was crucially built over decades of
24 American foreign policy. What we

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2 have done to this vibrant country
3 and culture is thoroughly
4 unforgivable.

5 Just like in parts of
6 Philadelphia, homes and
7 infrastructure are crumbling and
8 economic opportunities have
9 decimated. Cubans share what they
10 have, not what they have left over.
11 And for this reason, Cuba is vital
12 to the health of the global
13 community. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Will Rose
16 Johnson, Ethan Blackwood,
17 Rev. Holston, Osborne Hart, Drew
18 Tiff, Jack Mraz, Megan Dunn, Keith
19 Crippen, Ogbonna Paul Hagins and
20 Jigar Mehta, please make your way
21 to the podium.

22 (Witnesses approached
23 podium.)

24 MS. MYERS: Thank you.

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2 My name is Rachel Myers, and I am
3 privileged and incredibly proud to
4 serve as a member of Fab Youth
5 Philadelphia's Board of Directors.
6 I'm delighted to speak today in
7 regards to the resolution
8 recognizing Fab Youth Philly's
9 10-year anniversary.

10 I want to thank
11 Councilmember Brooks and Lozada for
12 putting forth this resolution and
13 for the other members of Council
14 for recognizing a decade of
15 impactful work for young people
16 across Philadelphia. I wanted to
17 take a moment and just share with
18 those assembled today a bit about
19 the impact that Fab Youth Philly
20 has had across Philadelphia and
21 continues to have for young people,
22 providing opportunities to learn,
23 to play, and to lead across our
24 community.

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2 And so, I'd like to
3 share a few words from former Play
4 captains who are unable to be here
5 today and speak way more eloquently
6 about this work than I'm able to.
7 As they've written, as a Play
8 Captain, I learned how to adapt
9 quickly, to think creatively, and
10 to create a positive environment
11 where kids feel safe, included, and
12 excited to participate.

13 Being in that role
14 showed me how meaningful it is to
15 give back to my community and to
16 support younger youth in having fun
17 while learning. I learned that
18 being a Play Captain with Fab Youth
19 Philly helped me grow into a more
20 confident and responsible person.
21 It gave me real-world experience.
22 It strengthened my teamwork and
23 leadership skills and showed me the
24 importance of community

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2 involvement.

3 And as these words
4 highlight, if they don't give you
5 goose bumps, the power of play, the
6 work of Fab Youth Philly, creating
7 ripples through the community,
8 strengthening relationships,
9 building a stronger Philadelphia
10 for us all and preparing young
11 people with the skills of
12 confidence, competence, compassion,
13 and contribution to bridge into a
14 bright and successful adulthood.

15 I thank Council for
16 considering this resolution as a
17 demonstration of your continued
18 investment in young people across
19 our communities.

20 MS. INGRAM: Good
21 morning, Council. My name is Mazzi
22 Ingram. I'm a nationally-
23 recognized environmental justice
24 advocate and educator. I'm also

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2 the founder of Climate Action
3 Careers, but most importantly, I'm
4 a Fab youth.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. INGRAM: Thank you.

7 I joined Fab Youth Philly in 2021
8 as a Safety captain, where I
9 expanded my scope of knowledge of
10 violence prevention and offered a
11 solution, mine being educational
12 opportunity. That same summer I
13 felt empowered to take action and
14 hosted a back-to-school drive to
15 help underresourced college
16 students.

17 Fab Youth Philly helped
18 me acquire donations and was one of
19 my strongest supporters. We helped
20 send 11 college students or 11
21 students to higher education,
22 including myself. Shortly after, I
23 shipped off to Brandeis University
24 and told everyone that my goal was

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2 to learn as much as I could and
3 bring it back to the hood.

4 Fab Youth Philly heard
5 me and supported me by connecting
6 me with the National Summer
7 Learning Association summer
8 internship in our nation's capital,
9 where I worked as an Out-of-School
10 Time policy intern with the After
11 School Alliance. When I geared up
12 to return home to Philly after
13 graduating May of last year, Fab
14 Youth Philly welcomed me home
15 warmly as a Play Captain group
16 leader.

17 You know, there's
18 nothing that compares to the Philly
19 when you get a dozen kids of
20 Kensington rushing up to you with
21 smiles as wide as their tiny arm
22 spans or watching them turn
23 cardboard into carnival games or
24 painting rocks into pets. Most

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2 recently, Fab Youth Philly
3 supported and partnered with me on
4 my vision for sustainable fashion
5 workshops through my current role
6 as a facilitator for our Makers
7 Lab. I presented the idea and Fab
8 helped make it happen. I am living
9 proof that fab things are happening
10 in Philly. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Thank you for your testimony.
14 Before you proceed, Chair
15 recognizes Councilmember Jamie
16 Gauthier.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

18 Thank you, Madam Chair.

19 I request a leave of
20 absence to take care of other
21 Council business. And I'd like to
22 be recorded as voting aye on all
23 bills and resolutions. Thanks so
24 much.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

3 You're welcome. Thank you. Duly
4 noted.

5 Please proceed with your
6 testimony. State your name for the
7 record and proceed.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Good
9 afternoon. My name is Rose
10 Johnson. I live in Mt. Airy, and I
11 would like to start by thanking
12 Councilman O'Rourke for introducing
13 the resolution on ranked choice
14 voting, and also Councilmembers
15 Gauthier and Landau and Brooks for
16 co-sponsoring the resolution. I'm
17 a regular voter. I don't think
18 I've missed an election or even a
19 primary in more than 30 years, and
20 I believe that it's really
21 important for moving our society
22 forward and bringing forth some of
23 the things that are important to
24 us, but I also do a lot of talking

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2 to my neighbors and canvassing for
3 issues or candidates, and I know
4 that a lot of people are frustrated
5 and some give up.

6 I myself feel frustrated
7 sometimes with our electoral
8 system, and I believe that ranked
9 choice voting is not the only thing
10 we need to fix things, but it's an
11 important thing that will move us
12 forward. When people rank
13 candidates, they don't feel forced
14 to just go with one of the leading
15 folks to avoid wasting their vote.

16 It gives people more
17 choice and makes them feel more
18 confident that they can really
19 express their own values at the
20 polls. Studies have shown that
21 where we're ranked choice voting
22 exists, voter enthusiasm goes up
23 and voter turnout is increased.
24 And certainly, you know, I've heard

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2 that Philly has really the lowest
3 voter turnout, voter participation
4 in the state.

5 So anything that helps
6 us get turned out and get people
7 engaged, I think is an important
8 thing. I would also say, you know,
9 someone expressed how ranked choice
10 voting is confusing, but we rank
11 things all the time. And even they
12 have ranked choice voting in
13 Alaska, and there, when a group
14 tried to get rid of it, the people
15 kept it. So I encourage Council to
16 do everything you can to support
17 and move the state forward on this.
18 Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. BLACKWOOD: Hello,
21 Councilmembers. My name is Ethan.
22 I'm a resident of Philly and a
23 volunteer with March on Harrisburg,
24 a pro-democracy group here in

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2 Pennsylvania. Councilmembers, by
3 voting yes to Resolution 260546 for
4 ranked choice voting, you have the
5 important opportunity today to
6 stand up for voters' rights to
7 express their true preferences and
8 decide between all their options
9 for themselves at the ballot box,
10 rather than lose most of their
11 choices in the run-up to the
12 election.

13 We all know what happens
14 when two candidates for office are
15 too similar to each other. For
16 example, think about Helen Gym,
17 Rebecca Rhynhart in the Mayoral
18 primary, or perhaps Street and
19 Sanford in the recent Congressional
20 race. These candidates suffered
21 losses because our traditional
22 plurality system has a limitation
23 and forces voters to withhold their
24 vote from one candidate if they

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2 want to support the other. Since
3 candidates know this, people like
4 Morgan Cephas running for Congress
5 or Maria Quinones-Sanchez running
6 for Mayor 2023 would rather drop
7 out if they're behind in the race
8 than continue and risk crowding the
9 field.

10 To see how much better
11 it could be, we only need to look
12 at our neighbor, New York, which
13 uses RCV for its mayoral and other
14 local elections. When spoiling is
15 not a concern, we see this
16 beautiful thing called
17 co-endorsement. Brad Lander was
18 behind Mamdani, but he didn't have
19 to make the hard choice of whether
20 to drop out or not. He just said,
21 hey, if I'm your guy, Mamdani
22 should be your second choice.
23 Please rank him after me and one of
24 us will win this thing.

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2 In summary, ranked
3 choice voting is nothing scary.
4 All it does is create more good
5 choices for voters and candidates
6 alike. So let's take this simple
7 step towards bringing this better
8 system to elections here in Philly.

9 (Applause.)

10 REV. HOLSTON: My name
11 is Reverend Gregory Holston. I'm
12 the Executive Director of Just
13 Nation. I'm here about the trash
14 going in Chester, as we continue to
15 burn that trash in Chester. That
16 story is my story. I grew up in
17 South Philadelphia. The church
18 that was my home church is Church
19 Redeemer Baptist on 25th and
20 Dickinson Streets.

21 I lived for the first 14
22 years of my marriage and raising
23 our children at 24th and Morris
24 Streets. Every day we will come

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2 out of our porch and see a puff of
3 smoke come from the refinery. They
4 told us it was steam. Years later
5 we learned it was cancer, and I
6 watched members of that
7 congregation, people I loved
8 dearly, who believed in me, I
9 watched their bodies deteriorate of
10 cancer year after year. And I saw
11 this city do nothing about it.

12 So when I saw the Black
13 woman of Chester saying exactly the
14 same thing, that cancer after
15 cancer was destroying their
16 community, the people they love so
17 dearly, toxins coming from us,
18 where we have a city that has a
19 Black woman Mayor, a Black person
20 as City Council President, a
21 majority Black Council, yet we are
22 poisoning people who are poor and
23 Black right in the town next to us,
24 I don't know what to say.

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2 Too many times I've come
3 here and I say, isn't it obvious
4 that you can't do that, isn't this
5 obvious that we can't do that, are
6 we so tied into the structure of
7 this government, are we so tied now
8 into the system, the system that we
9 came in to change and transform,
10 that we're going to let that
11 happen.

12 Stand up against this.
13 Vote to stop it. Stand up to your
14 Mayor and tell her no, you cannot
15 stand and keep telling you care
16 deeply about poor Black people, and
17 every time you turn your face away
18 from when poor Black people come to
19 you and tell you to stop.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. HART: My name is
22 Osborne Hart. I'm the Socialist
23 Workers Party candidate for
24 Lieutenant Governor of

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2 Pennsylvania. Our campaign, in the
3 strongest possible terms, condemns
4 the US rulers' accelerated acts of
5 aggression against the Cuban people
6 and their government.

7 We condemn the total oil
8 blockade designed to punish every
9 woman, man, and child on the
10 island. Our campaign calls on
11 working people here in the United
12 States and worldwide to organize
13 emergency picket lines, rallies,
14 and other public protests now to
15 demonstrate our rejection of the
16 U.S. government's decade 67-years
17 bipartisan attacks that are aimed
18 at strangling the Cuban people and
19 dismembering their socialist
20 revolution.

21 Washington's sharply
22 escalating economic military
23 measures against the Cuban people
24 also target working people and the

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2 working class and other oppressed
3 and exploited in the United States.
4 We've seen our hard-won
5 constitutional rights to organize,
6 speak out, and act against U.S.
7 policies abroad and in this
8 country, including the expanding
9 war moves that are under assault
10 today.

11 Working people in Cuba
12 face enormous difficulties produced
13 by cumulative damage for decades
14 through 13 U.S. presidents over 67
15 years, economic sanctions, other
16 assaults now topped by the
17 escalating military threats and
18 five months of nearly 100% naval
19 blockade of oil deliveries.

20 Contrary to the lives of the U.S.
21 government and the media, millions
22 of Cubans are determined to fight
23 Washington's brazen efforts to
24 impose a new Platt Amendment on the

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2 sovereignty of their country. That
3 was the message conveyed by
4 hundreds of thousands of Cubans
5 across the island on May Day, and
6 again May 22nd.

7 Our job here and
8 elsewhere all over the world is to
9 take action alongside them, to
10 refute every one of Washington's
11 lies, to mobilize the widest
12 possible opposition in the streets.
13 So I urge the U.S. hands-off Cuba,
14 defend the Cuban Revolution, build
15 these actions. Thank you very
16 much.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Will Erica
19 Brown, Mijuel K. Johnson, Leo
20 Cachet and Lorraine Miles, please
21 make your way to the podium.

22 (Witnesses approached
23 podium.)

24 MR. SUBITZ: Good

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2 afternoon, Philadelphia. How's
3 everyone feeling? How's it going?
4 I'm Drew Rinaldi Subits. I'm the
5 Director of Landcare and Workforce
6 Development at TTF Watershed
7 Partnerships, servicing Tacony
8 Creek Park, the community
9 surrounding that area. We're also
10 building a nature preserve, open to
11 the public, right behind Friends
12 Hospital off the Roosevelt
13 Boulevard, to put 50 more acres of
14 publicly accessible nature back
15 into the hands and places for
16 Philadelphians to go.

17 I'm here in support of
18 Councilmember Phillips' bill on
19 park funding. Really appreciate
20 the support on that, Councilmember
21 Driscoll. Also, want to give a
22 shout-out to Councilmember Lozada,
23 who's been a great advocate of ours
24 and who jumped in the creek a month

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2 or two ago to help clean it.

3 Appreciate that. Respect that.

4 In the park system for
5 over a decade now and what's become
6 abundantly clear is that these are
7 not just parks to go throw a
8 Frisbee in or hang out for a little
9 bit. These are spaces of
10 absolutely essential mental health
11 wellness. People go to these parks
12 to find some peace and quiet.
13 People go to these parks just to
14 breathe. Philadelphia is loud.
15 There's lots of violence. There's
16 struggle everywhere. Well-
17 documented, people need a place
18 that they can just go and breathe
19 and feel safe. That's what these
20 parks serve as. They are
21 absolutely indispensable
22 infrastructure for our city.

23 And I also want to kind
24 of point out that I think there's a

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2 misconception that these parks --
3 you see a green space on a map and
4 you're like, oh, park, we got
5 parks, check, parks are living
6 infrastructure, biotic
7 infrastructure, if you will. They
8 are living and breathing. All
9 infrastructure requires
10 maintenance, but parks require even
11 more frequent maintenance because
12 they're living and growing. The
13 majority of things in there are
14 living.

15 Here at TTF we're doing
16 workforce development. We have a
17 young crew of folks who we're
18 training to do this work. Got Liam
19 over here, I think, Kari. We got
20 Elijah and Damien somewhere. We're
21 training people how to do this work
22 so they can take this as a career,
23 make their neighborhoods safer,
24 create those spaces so people can

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2 go to get that reprieve, to
3 breathe, to get that mental health
4 support and have a place to
5 recreate and enjoy themselves.

6 So I want to urge you to
7 support this, not only mental
8 health support, recreation jobs for
9 our communities. Historically,
10 this work has been done only by
11 contractors, and a lot of times
12 that money then leaves town.

13 Invest in our parks. Invest in our
14 young people. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. MRAZ: I'm Jack Mraz
17 speaking in favor of 260545. I'm a
18 Cuban American, a Philadelphian and
19 I'm sick of watching our government
20 carry out a genocidal campaign
21 against the people of Cuba. The
22 U.S. has been waging a one-sided
23 war against the Cuban people for 67
24 years now. This war comes in the

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2 form of a blockade, severely
3 restricting the country's economy
4 and functionally cutting off Cuba
5 from trading with the entire world.

6 The blockade blocks Cuba
7 from acquiring essential medical
8 supplies, humanitarian aid and
9 necessary resources for daily life,
10 like oil for its electricity grid,
11 creating an urgent starvation and
12 medical crisis. Major hospitals
13 right now don't even have a single
14 functioning electrocardiogram
15 machine because of a forced lack of
16 resources to power.

17 Babies are dying right
18 now, this very second, because of
19 us and our government. This
20 blockade doesn't just hurt the
21 Cuban people, but the entire world.
22 Cuba has sent over 100,000 health
23 professionals to more than 70
24 countries, with over 22,000 doctors

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2 currently serving, providing
3 critical health services to
4 underserved communities in more
5 than 50 countries, including the
6 United States right now.

7 Currently, due to
8 pressure from the United States to
9 expel these lifesavers for the
10 crimes of being born Cuban, people
11 in countries around the world are
12 suddenly unable to have lifesaving,
13 medical care that they need. To
14 respond to the speakers from
15 earlier, asserting that this is
16 irrelevant to Philly, the embargo
17 also prevents people in the U.S.
18 from accessing Cuban biotech
19 medications, which have no American
20 analogues, including those which
21 prevent diabetic foot amputations,
22 a vaccine for treating advanced
23 lung cancer, and the only medicine
24 in the world which can delay or

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2 stop the advancement of early stage
3 Alzheimer's disease, which could
4 save the lives of many
5 Philadelphians suffering
6 unnecessarily today.

7 Instead of focusing on
8 killing Cubans, our government
9 should be focusing on improving the
10 lives of Philadelphians. Although
11 it may be symbolic, this resolution
12 will put Philadelphia on the right
13 side of history, and will put us in
14 line with 117 resolutions that have
15 been passed already by governmental
16 bodies in the U.S., representing
17 more than 60 million people,
18 including Pittsburgh. We can't let
19 Pittsburgh show us up. Please vote
20 in support of Resolution 260545.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. DUNN: Hello. My
24 name is Megan Dunn and I am here to

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2 ask all the Councilpeople to
3 support Bill 260545. Cuba is not a
4 threat. I know there's a lot of
5 disinformation on this. But the
6 more you look into it, the more
7 you'll realize. In fact, they've
8 sent doctors across the sea to
9 provide health care to those who
10 need it and have universalized
11 their own health care, which is
12 something the United States has not
13 done.

14 Right now the economic
15 sanctions have killed many people
16 in Cuba, and it's important to talk
17 about it here and pass this
18 resolution in Philly because this
19 small change can lead to larger
20 national change and ultimately free
21 the Cuban people as well as free
22 the American people. We can learn
23 from them and their example in
24 health care, in community, and in

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2 being a better denizen of the
3 world. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MR. HAGINS: Ogbonna
6 Hagins, fourth-generation chattel
7 slavery survivor. I want to be
8 clear about what is being proposed.
9 Ranked choice voting is not a minor
10 procedural adjustment. It is a
11 structural change in how political
12 power is counted and distributed in
13 this city. Before we even discuss
14 that, we must address what
15 Philadelphia has yet to establish.

16 The 13th Amendment did
17 not only abolish slavery, it also
18 prohibits the badges and incidents
19 of slavery, including the political
20 disempowerment of a free class and
21 its descendants. The Civil Rights
22 Act of 1866 guarantees equal
23 benefits of all laws and
24 proceedings, including the

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2 electoral processes.

3 Today I will be
4 providing Councilmember Curtis
5 Jones with an ordinance recognizing
6 the distinct political status of
7 American Freedmen and establishing
8 the Office of Freedmen Affairs as
9 soon as possible. Right now
10 Philadelphia has no office of
11 Freedmen Affairs and no
12 institutional mechanisms to
13 evaluate an equal political impact
14 or protect the group that
15 historically built this city under
16 bondage and Jim Crow.

17 In this vacuum, ranked
18 choice voting is not a neutral
19 reform. It becomes a structural
20 change imposed without the
21 safeguards required to ensure equal
22 political protection. While ranked
23 choice voting may function in
24 jurisdictions where political

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2 agency is already institutionally
3 secured, here in Philadelphia it's
4 at risk fracturing cohesive voting
5 blocks, increasing ballot
6 exhaustion and already burdened
7 communities, and allowing
8 coordinated majority advantage to
9 shape outcomes under neutral
10 appearance.

11 That is not reform. It
12 is reproduction of political
13 disadvantage through system design.
14 We cannot change how we vote until
15 the American Freedmen have agency
16 like every other group. Ogbonna
17 Hagins. Over and out.

18 MR. MEHTA: My name is
19 Jigar Mehta. I'm talking about
20 ranked choice voting. Council
21 President, thank you very much for
22 this opportunity. Ranked choice
23 voting has to evolve beyond picking
24 the elected official. It has to

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2 evolve to policy. We need to start
3 seeing ranked choice voting at
4 policy level because it doesn't
5 matter now.

6 No matter what you do,
7 you can play by the game, you can
8 get as many people to support you.
9 We're working for you guys.
10 Understand the policy that -- we've
11 been working for people are
12 suffering, suffering. We have
13 people that are giving up their
14 401(k)s. Retirement people are
15 giving up their savings for the
16 City of Philadelphia.

17 I love this city.
18 Everybody here loves this city.
19 But because of the fact that it
20 doesn't matter if you follow the
21 process, if at the end of the day
22 no matter what you do, it takes a
23 simple decision, a political
24 decision to decide that you're not

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2 going to be able to get a hearing
3 when you've been promised a
4 hearing. You're not going to be
5 able to get a vote when you've been
6 promised a vote. And all those
7 people that have been watching,
8 paying attention, that have hope in
9 their heart is taken away right
10 now.

11 Dr. King, what he talked
12 about was a knock at midnight, a
13 knock at midnight that was about
14 the persistence of prayer. It was
15 also about the middleman. It's
16 about when people that don't have a
17 voice, that right now can't even
18 afford to come to this room, they
19 can't afford it. They count on
20 people like us to help knock on the
21 doors for them.

22 So what I'm asking for
23 is let's evolve the entire system.
24 Let's make it so that we have a

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2 choice around what policy actually
3 comes up for a vote. We can set up
4 civic assemblies. It's been done
5 before, where now the people's
6 voice matters, not just for who
7 gets elected, sir, but also what
8 policy actually gets voted on. So
9 I am in favor of ranked choice
10 voting, but I want to evolve it so
11 it includes policy as well.

12 And please, by the grace
13 of God, please help these people go
14 to liftphilly.org. These are over
15 400 people that are saying they are
16 struggling in our city. We haven't
17 even gone to social media yet.

18 Thank you. Thank you, sir.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. BROWN: My name is
21 Erica Brown, and I love all of you.
22 I'm here especially to thank
23 Councilmember Phillips for the
24 resolution to add funding to rec

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2 centers. And Council President
3 Johnson, I have this rose I want to
4 give you when we're done.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you.

7 MS. BROWN: And thank
8 you for your strong negotiations
9 with the Mayor. As you may know,
10 this is day 8 of our hunger strike
11 to make Philly affordable. And the
12 city and the Mayor has \$1.1 billion
13 in surplus that can be spent on us
14 right now, and we want to add fire
15 to your negotiations and help you
16 get what this city needs right now,
17 plus 120 million for food to help
18 50,000 people get food who are
19 kicked off of food stamps, plus 20
20 million to preserve deeply
21 affordable housing, plus 25 to keep
22 full-time substitute teachers their
23 jobs who are going to be fired, to
24 double the rec centers budget like

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2 the Mayor said she would do on her
3 campaign trail, to double the
4 library budget, to add 30 million
5 to Zero Fare so people can get
6 where they need to go, and to add
7 50 million to the Philadelphia
8 Energy Authority, which would give
9 the city 86 million, because
10 whenever you give them money, they
11 multiply your money by 1.7 times.

12 So I love you all. I
13 love the Mayor, and we got to show
14 how we can love this city together.
15 Free Cuba. Free Sudan. Free Iran.
16 Free Palestine. Free Philly. Make
17 Philly affordable.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you. Sergeant-at-
21 Arms Lopez, could you make sure I
22 get my rose please.

23 Mijuel Johnson, please
24 begin.

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2 MR. JOHNSON: Hello. My
3 name is Mijuel K. Johnson, and I'm
4 here in support of the resolution
5 for Martyrs Day, Wednesday, July
6 5th. I'm the institutional liaison
7 for the 1838 Black Metropolis
8 project and we are in support of
9 the resolution calling for Martyrs
10 Day, July 5, in recognition of the
11 slain five individuals of the
12 Election Day massacre of 1871,
13 including Octavius Valentine Catto.

14 The 1838 Black
15 Metropolis Project and ASALH, the
16 Association for the Study of
17 African American Life and History,
18 the Philadelphia and Montgomery
19 County, Pennsylvania branches will
20 be hosting events for voter
21 registration and rights education
22 on July 5th for Martyrs Day.

23 We've reached out to the
24 City Commissioner's Office as well

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2 as the Committee of Seventy in
3 support of these efforts but have
4 yet to hear back, and we are in
5 full support of the resolution for
6 Martyrs Day, July 5th. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. CHAIS: Hello, City
9 Councilors. I am Leo Chais. I'm
10 here as a private citizen. I'm
11 here in support of 260546. I
12 believe we need more voter turnout.
13 I believe that ranked choice voting
14 is the way to get more voter
15 turnout, and our current model does
16 not guarantee that whoever gets in
17 that position has 51% of the vote.

18 As an example, we had a
19 Congressional district election in
20 PA 3, where the winner had 41% of
21 the vote. Now, in a four-person
22 election that's a big deal.

23 However, there's no guarantee that
24 of all the people voting in that

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2 election wanted Chris Rabb to win
3 the most, right. There's no way of
4 knowing that unless we had a ranked
5 choice voting, where people would
6 get their input and rank their
7 choices. It opens up a more
8 nuanced choice of their leaders,
9 and it removes the incentive for
10 leaders to not team up with a
11 ranked choice voting system.

12 You can have cross
13 endorsements and not lose out on
14 any individual policies you want to
15 make. You can make the question of
16 what's the best way for me to lead
17 a city and instead, make it a
18 question of what's the best way for
19 us to lead the city, what are our
20 policy decisions, and you can shift
21 the conversation away from a me to
22 an us.

23 In America, we have a
24 couple of states that have banned

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2 ranked choice voting. These
3 states, such as Alabama, Florida,
4 and Louisiana, are notorious for
5 undemocratic processes. They've
6 been in the news about
7 gerrymandering very heavily. It's
8 no mistake that they ban ranked
9 choice voting in some or in all
10 capacities. We should make the
11 choice to push forward ranked
12 choice voting to incentivize people
13 to come out to vote for their
14 choice so that does not get thrown
15 away. I thank you for your time. I
16 cede my time.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Council
19 President, that concludes our list
20 for public comment for today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
23 This concludes today's public
24 comment period.

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2 We will now consider the
3 resolutions on the Final Passage
4 Calendar and bills on the Second
5 Reading and Final Passage
6 Calendars.

7 Would the Clerk please
8 read the title of Resolution No.
9 260545.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 resolution urging the Trump
12 Administration to remove Cuba from
13 the list of State Sponsors of
14 Terrorism and urging Congress to
15 vote to end all economic sanctions
16 against Cuba.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
18 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke work
20 for a motion regarding Resolution
21 No. 260545.

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 I move for the adoption

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2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
6 properly seconded that Resolution
7 No. 260545 be adopted.

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

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

14 Nay.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: One nay, Councilmember
17 O'Neill. The motion carries. The
18 resolution is adopted.

19 Would the Clerk please
20 read the title of Resolution No.
21 260546.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A
23 resolution calling on the
24 Pennsylvania General Assembly to

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2 enact legislation that would allow
3 local jurisdictions to adopt ranked
4 choice voting.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke for
8 a motion regarding Resolution No.
9 260546.

10 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
11 Thank you, Mr. President.
12 I move for the adoption
13 of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
16 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that Resolution
18 No. 260546 be adopted.

19 All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
23 JOHNSON: All those in favor
24 signify by saying aye.

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

6 Nay.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: One nay, Councilmember
9 O'Neill. The ayes have it and the
10 motion carries. The resolution is
11 adopted.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Will the Clerk please
15 read the title of Resolution No.
16 260548.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A
18 resolution honoring the life,
19 legacy and distinguished service of
20 Detective Samuel P. Wyche, Sr., who
21 served on the first all-Black
22 detective unit, the Dick Anderson
23 Squad, in recognition of National
24 Police Week 2026.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
5 motion regarding Resolution No.
6 260548.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that Resolution
15 No. 260548 be adopted.

16 All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
24 motion carries. The resolution is

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2 adopted.

3 Would the Clerk please
4 read the title of Bill No.
5 260063-A.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An
7 ordinance renaming and designating
8 the property commonly referred to
9 as Panati Playground, located at
10 3100 North 22nd Street to the
11 "Allegheny West Recreation Center,"
12 in recognition of the community and
13 neighborhood that it serves.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
15 JOHNSON: This bill having been
16 read on two different days, the
17 question now is shall the bill pass
18 finally.

19 Chief Clerk, please call
20 the roll.

21 CHIEF CLERK:
22 Councilmember Phillips.

23 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
24 Aye.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
4 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
5 aye.

6 Councilmember Thomas.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Jones.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Landau.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Lozada.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Young.

21 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Brooks.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Harrity.

5 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember O'Rourke.

9 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Driscoll.

13 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember O'Neill.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Squilla.

21 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Bass.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

5 Council President

6 Johnson.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Aye. Ayes are 17 and

9 nays are 0. Majority of all

10 members having voted in the

11 affirmative, the bill passes.

12 Chief Clerk, please read

13 the title of Bill No. 260212.

14 CHIEF CLERK: An

15 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia

16 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning

17 designations of certain areas of

18 land located within an area bounded

19 by McKinley Street, Leonard Street,

20 Devereaux Avenue, and Bustleton

21 Avenue.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: This bill having been

24 read on two different days, the

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2 question now is shall the bill pass
3 finally.

4 Chief Clerk, please call
5 the roll.

6 CHIEF CLERK:
7 Councilmember Phillips.

8 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
9 Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK:
11 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
12 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
13 aye.

14 Councilmember Thomas.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:
17 Councilmember Jones.

18 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:
20 Councilmember Landau.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:
24 Councilmember Lozada.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Young.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Brooks.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Harrity.

13 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember O'Rourke.

17 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Driscoll.

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Squilla.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

7 Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK:

9 Councilmember Bass.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

13 Council President

14 Johnson.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

17 The nays are 0. Majority of all

18 members having voted in the

19 affirmative, the bill passes.

20 Chief Clerk, please read

21 the title of Bill No. 260296.

22 CHIEF CLERK: An

23 ordinance to approve amendments to

24 the University of Pennsylvania

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2 Master Plan in the area bounded by
3 Walnut Street, 36th Street, Spruce
4 Street, 39th Street, related to the
5 Class of 1920 Commons Building at
6 3800 Locust Walk, and the Stuart
7 Weitzman Theater addition to the
8 Annenberg Center for Performing
9 Arts, ACPA, at 3680 Walnut Street.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: This bill having been
12 read on two different days, the
13 question now is shall the bill pass
14 finally.

15 Chief Clerk, please call
16 the roll.

17 CHIEF CLERK:

18 Councilmember Phillips.

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

20 Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:

22 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
23 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
24 aye.

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2 Councilmember Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Landau.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Lozada.

13 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Young.

17 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Brooks.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Harrity.

24 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember O'Rourke.

5 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Driscoll.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember O'Neill.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Bass.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

24 Council President

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2 Johnson.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

5 The nays are 0. Majority of all
6 members having voted in the
7 affirmative, the bill passes.

8 Chief Clerk, please read
9 the title of Bill No. 260297.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An
11 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
12 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
13 designations of certain areas of
14 land located within an area bounded
15 by Spruce Street, 34th Street,
16 Civic Center Boulevard, and
17 University Avenue.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This bill having been
20 read on two different days, the
21 question now is shall the bill pass
22 finally.

23 Chief Clerk, please call
24 the roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Phillips.

4 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

8 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was

9 aye.

10 Councilmember Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Landau.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Lozada.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Young.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Brooks.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Harrity.

9 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember O'Rourke.

13 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Driscoll.

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

9 Council President

10 Johnson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

13 The nays are 0. Majority of all

14 members having voted in the

15 affirmative, the bill passes.

16 Chief Clerk, please read

17 the title of Bill No. 260301.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An

19 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia

20 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning

21 designations of certain areas of

22 land located within an area bounded

23 by Milnor Street, Cottman Avenue,

24 Cottman Avenue (Extended), the

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2 Delaware River, Unruh Avenue
3 (Extended), Unruh Avenue,
4 Wissinoming Street, and New State
5 Road.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This bill having been
8 read on two different days, the
9 question now is shall the bill pass
10 finally.

11 Chief Clerk, please call
12 the roll.

13 CHIEF CLERK:
14 Councilmember Phillips.

15 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
16 Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK:
18 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
19 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
20 aye.

21 Councilmember Thomas.

22 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:
24 Councilmember Jones.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Landau.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Lozada.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Young.

13 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK:

15 Councilmember Brooks.

16 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

17 Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Harrity.

20 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

21 Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK:

23 Councilmember O'Rourke.

24 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

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2 Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Driscoll.

5 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember O'Neill.

9 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember Squilla.

13 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Bass.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK:

19 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

20 Council President

21 Johnson.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

24 The nays are 0. Majority of all

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

4 Chief Clerk, please read
5 the title of Bill No. 260302.

6 CHIEF CLERK: An
7 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
8 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
9 designations of certain areas of
10 land located within an area bounded
11 by Lippincott Street, 20th Street,
12 Toronto Street, and 22nd Street.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
15 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
16 motion.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 I move for the adoption
20 of the resolution.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

23 (Council at ease.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: We're going to do an
3 amendment right now. We got you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: You're welcome.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

9 Mr. President, I would like to
10 offer an amendment to Bill No.
11 260302. A copy of the amendment
12 has been circulated to all members
13 of Council and I move for the
14 adoption of the amendment.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that the
19 amendment to Bill No. 260302 be
20 adopted.

21 All in favor signify by
22 saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
6 bill has been amended. This bill
7 will be placed on the Final Passage
8 Calendar for our next session of
9 Council.

10 Will the Clerk please
11 read the title of Bill No. 260340.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An
13 ordinance authorizing various
14 encroachments in the vicinity of
15 323 North Broad Street,
16 Philadelphia, PA 19107, under
17 certain terms and conditions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This bill having been
20 read on two different days, the
21 question now is shall the bill pass
22 finally.

23 Chief Clerk, please call
24 the roll.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 CHIEF CLERK:

3 Councilmember Phillips.

4 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

5 Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK:

7 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
8 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
9 aye.

10 Councilmember Thomas.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Jones.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Landau.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember Lozada.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Young.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK:

4 Councilmember Brooks.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

6 Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Harrity.

9 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

10 Aye.

11 CHIEF CLERK:

12 Councilmember O'Rourke.

13 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:

16 Councilmember Driscoll.

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

18 Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK:

20 Councilmember O'Neill.

21 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

22 Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK:

24 Councilmember Squilla.

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2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK:

5 Councilmember Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK:

8 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

9 Council President

10 Johnson.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

13 The nays are 0. Majority of all

14 members having voted in the

15 affirmative, the bill passes.

16 Chief Clerk, please read

17 the title of Bill No. 260379.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An

19 ordinance amending Section 14-500

20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled

21 "Overlay Zoning Districts," by

22 amending Section 14-520, entitled

23 "/NDO, Ninth District Overlay

24 District," by making technical

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 changes, all under certain terms
3 and conditions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: This bill having been
6 read on two different days, the
7 question now is shall the bill pass
8 finally.

9 Chief Clerk, please call
10 the roll.

11 CHIEF CLERK:
12 Councilmember Phillips.

13 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:
14 Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK:
16 Councilmember Gilmore Richardson
17 was aye. Councilmember Gauthier was
18 aye.

19 Councilmember Thomas.

20 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK:
22 Councilmember Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Landau.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember Lozada.

7 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Young.

11 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK:

13 Councilmember Brooks.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

15 Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Harrity.

18 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

19 Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK:

21 Councilmember O'Rourke.

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

23 Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK:

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Driscoll.

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

4 Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK:

6 Councilmember O'Neill.

7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

8 Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK:

10 Councilmember Squilla.

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

12 Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK:

14 Councilmember Bass.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK:

17 Councilmember Ahmad was aye.

18 Council President

19 Johnson.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Aye. The ayes are 17.

22 The nays are 0. Majority of all

23 members having voted in the

24 affirmative, the bill passes.

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2 Will the Clerk please
3 read any additional resolutions on
4 today's Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A
6 privileged resolution authorizing
7 the Philadelphia City Council
8 Committee on Parks, Recreation and
9 Cultural Affairs to hold public
10 hearings on the condition of the
11 City's public park system,
12 including funding, maintenance,
13 infrastructure, staffing, safety,
14 and opportunities to establish
15 sustainable long-term revenue
16 streams to support Philadelphia's
17 parks, recreation centers, and
18 public green spaces. Introduced by
19 Councilmember Phillips.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
21 JOHNSON: Outstanding. Chair of
22 Parks and Recreation Committee
23 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

24 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 I proudly move for the
4 adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

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

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
18 resolution is adopted.

19 Chief Clerk, please call
20 up the next resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution honoring and
23 celebrating Noel George Miles, Jr,
24 AWS, for a distinguished career as

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 one of Philadelphia's most
3 accomplished and civically-minded
4 painters. Introduced by
5 Councilmember Gauthier.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
9 motion on the resolution on behalf
10 of Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

11 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 On behalf of

14 Councilmember Gauthier, I move for
15 the adoption of the resolution.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
19 properly seconded that the
20 resolution be adopted.

21 All those in favor
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
6 resolution is adopted.

7 Chief Clerk, please call
8 the next resolution.

9 CHIEF CLERK: A
10 privileged resolution recognizing
11 the Mantua community in West
12 Philadelphia as the birthplace of
13 the Philadelphia Anti-Graffiti
14 Network and Mural Arts Program now
15 known as Mural Arts Philadelphia.
16 Introduced by Councilmember
17 Gauthier.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
21 motion on behalf of Councilmember
22 Jamie Gauthier.

23 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

24 Thank you, Council President.

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2 On behalf of
3 Councilmember Gauthier, I move for
4 the adoption of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
18 resolution is adopted.

19 Chief Clerk, please read
20 the title of the next resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution honoring and
23 recognizing the Philadelphia
24 Federation of Teachers on the

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 occasion of its 85th anniversary
3 for extraordinary service,
4 advocacy, and dedication to the
5 students, educators, and schools of
6 Philadelphia. Introduced by
7 Councilmember Thomas.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes the
10 hardworking Chairman of Education
11 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
12 motion.

13 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 I'd also like to thank
16 our Chair of Labor Councilmember
17 Harrity. And on both of our
18 behalves, we move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the
24 resolution be adopted.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 All those in favor

3 signify by saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
10 resolution is adopted.

11 Chief Clerk, please read
12 the title of the next resolution.

13 CHIEF CLERK: A
14 privileged resolution honoring Jane
15 Golden for her 42 years of
16 visionary leadership of Mural Arts
17 Philadelphia, during which she
18 championed countless murals and
19 public art initiatives that have
20 strengthened the cultural fabric of
21 the City of Philadelphia.
22 Introduced by Councilmember Thomas
23 on behalf of Council President
24 Johnson.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
5 motion on the resolution.

6 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

7 Thank you, Council President.

8 If I had more energy,
9 I'd jump up and down right now like
10 Jane does, but we love you, Jane.
11 Thank you for your leadership,
12 Council President. On your behalf,
13 I move for the adoption of the
14 resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded, with a lot of
19 energy, the resolution is adopted.

20 All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This is for Jane Golden.

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2 All those in favor signify by
3 saying aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
10 resolution is adopted.

11 Chief Clerk, please read
12 the title of the next resolution
13 please.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A
15 privileged resolution honoring and
16 celebrating Gay Bingo, an iconic
17 Philadelphia cultural institution
18 and one of its most recognizable
19 LGBTQ+ traditions and HIV
20 fundraisers on the occasion of its
21 30th anniversary. Introduced by
22 Councilmember Landau.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Rue Landau.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

4 Thank you. I move for the adoption
5 of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that the
10 resolution is adopted.

11 All those in favor
12 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
19 resolution is adopted.

20 Chief Clerk, please call
21 the next resolution.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A
23 privileged resolution recognizing,
24 congratulating and honoring William

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 Way LGBT Community Center on the
3 occasion of its 50th anniversary
4 for its life-changing work in the
5 City of Philadelphia. Introduced
6 by Councilmember Landau.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
10 motion on the resolution.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
12 move for the adoption of the
13 resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

19 All those in favor
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

24 (No response.)

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
4 resolution is adopted.

5 Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Curtis Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
8 you, Mr. President.

9 I'd like to be excused
10 for duties outside of City Hall and
11 be recorded as voting aye on all
12 bills and resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Will be recorded and
15 leave as granted. Thank you very
16 much, sir.

17 Chief Clerk, please read
18 the title of the next resolution.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A
20 privileged resolution recognizing
21 and honoring the incredible work of
22 Philly Queer Fundy and organizing
23 and activating Philadelphia's
24 LGBTQ+ community for direct action,

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 mutual aid, and community safety in
3 a beautiful display of solidarity
4 and intersectionality in action.
5 Introduced by Councilmember Landau.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
9 motion on the resolution.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
11 proudly move for the adoption of
12 the resolution.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

18 All those in favor
19 signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
3 resolution is adopted.

4 Chief Clerk, please read
5 the title of the next resolution.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A
7 privileged resolution honoring and
8 recognizing the Pride Visitor
9 Center on its opening for being a
10 welcoming and visionary hub that
11 will make all LGBTQ+ Philadelphians
12 and visitors feel seen and safe
13 when they come to this city.
14 Introduced by Councilmember Landau.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
18 motion on the resolution.

19 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
20 move for the adoption of the
21 resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 properly seconded that the
3 resolution be adopted.

4 All those in favor
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
12 resolution is adopted.

13 Chief Clerk, please read
14 the title of the next resolution.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A
16 privileged resolution recognizing
17 July 5, 2026 as "Martyrs Day in
18 Philadelphia" to honor the memory
19 of five Philadelphians - Octavius
20 Catto, Levi Bolden, Jacob Gordon,
21 Moses Wright and Isaac Chase - who
22 were slain while attempting to
23 exercise their right to vote after
24 the passage of the 15th Amendment.

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2 Introduced by Councilmember Landau
3 on behalf of Council President
4 Johnson.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Landau for a motion
8 on the resolution.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
10 move for the adoption of the
11 resolution.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

17 All those in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 resolution is adopted.

3 Chief Clerk, please read
4 the title of the next resolution.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A
6 privileged resolution honoring and
7 recognizing Ms. Anna Jenkins on the
8 occasion of her retirement after
9 decades of distinguished service as
10 an educator and school leader in
11 the School District of
12 Philadelphia. Introduced by
13 Councilmember Young.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
17 a motion on the resolution.

18 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
19 you, Mr. President.

20 I move for its adoption.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
23 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
24 properly seconded that the

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 resolution be adopted.

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

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
11 resolution is adopted.

12 Chief Clerk, please call
13 up the next resolution.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A
15 privileged resolution
16 congratulating Fab Youth Philly on
17 the occasion of their 10-Year-
18 Anniversary and honoring a decade
19 of visionary, dedicated, and
20 impactful work to empower teens and
21 improve communities. Introduced by
22 Councilmember Brooks.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Councilmember Brooks for a motion
3 on the resolution.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS: I
5 move for the resolution to be
6 adopted.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
10 properly seconded that the
11 resolution be adopted.

12 All those in favor
13 signify by saying aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
20 resolution is adopted.

21 Chief Clerk, please call
22 up the next resolution.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A
24 privileged resolution honoring and

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 recognizing Captain Dana Bradley
3 and the officers and staff of the
4 39th Police District for their
5 service, community engagement and
6 commitment to public safety in the
7 City of Philadelphia. Introduced
8 by Councilmember Bass.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
12 motion on the resolution.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 I move for the adoption
16 of the resolution.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
20 properly seconded that the
21 resolution be adopted.

22 All those in favor
23 signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
7 resolution is adopted.

8 Chief Clerk, please read
9 the title of the next resolution.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A
11 privileged resolution honoring and
12 recognizing Captain Walter Burks
13 and the dedicated officers and
14 staff of the 35th Philadelphia
15 Police District for their
16 leadership, commitment to public
17 safety, and service to the
18 residents of Philadelphia.
19 Introduced by Councilmember Bass.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
23 motion on the resolution.

24 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 I move for the adoption
4 of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the
9 resolution be adopted.

10 All those in favor
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. And
18 the resolution is adopted.

19 Chief Clerk, please read
20 the next resolution.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A
22 privileged resolution honoring and
23 recognizing Captain Stuart
24 McCoullum and the officers and

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING
2 staff of the Philadelphia Police
3 Department's 14th District for
4 their leadership, service, and
5 commitment to public safety and
6 community engagement. Introduced
7 by Councilmember Bass.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
11 motion on the resolution.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 I move for the adoption.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that the
19 resolution be adopted.

20 All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 resolution is adopted.

6 Chief Clerk, please read
7 the next resolution.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A

9 privileged resolution authorizing
10 the Committee on Public Safety to
11 hold hearings on implementing CPR
12 and emergency overdose awareness
13 for training for all City employees
14 to strengthen emergency
15 preparedness and situational
16 awareness across City government.
17 Introduced by Councilmember Bass.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
21 motion on the resolution.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 I move for the adoption.

1 5/28/26 - STATED - 2ND READING

2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

7 All those in favor
8 signify by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
15 resolution is adopted.

16 Chief Clerk, please read
17 the title of the next resolution.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A
19 privileged resolution authorizing
20 the Committee on Public Safety to
21 hold hearings on implementing
22 mandatory conflict resolution and
23 de-escalation training for all City
24 employees. Introduced by.

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2 Councilmember Bass.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

5 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
6 motion on the resolution.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 I move for the adoption
10 of the resolution.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
14 properly seconded that the
15 resolution be adopted.

16 All those in favor
17 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: All those in favor
21 signify by saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
5 resolution's adopted. That's a
6 good resolution though. I think
7 all City workers and Council staff,
8 and even members, should have
9 conflict resolution mandatory
10 trainings.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
12 Absolutely.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Good job.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Chief Clerk, please call
19 up the next resolution.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A
21 privileged resolution recognizing
22 and celebrating the 2026 Philippine
23 Independence Week celebration in
24 Philadelphia, taking place from

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2 June 6th to June 20th. Introduced
3 by Councilmember Ahmad.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
6 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
7 motion on behalf of Councilmember
8 Dr. Nina Ahmad.

9 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

10 Thank you, Council President.

11 On behalf of
12 Councilmember Ahmad, I move for the
13 adoption of the resolution.

14 (Duly seconded.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

19 All those in favor
20 please signify by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Anybody opposed?

24 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
4 resolution is adopted.

5 Chief Clerk, please call
6 up the next resolution.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Council
8 President, there are no further
9 resolutions in my possession.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: That completes our
12 Calendar for today.

13 Where you going,
14 Mr. Harrity?

15 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
16 (Inaudible).

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Any speeches on behalf of
19 the Minority?

20 Chair recognizes
21 Minority Leader Councilmember
22 Kendra Brooks.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:
24 Thank you, Council President.

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2 Today I brought forth a
3 resolution with Councilmember --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Excuse me just for one
6 second. Member Brooks, could you
7 speak into the microphone please,
8 if you don't mind?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROOKS:

10 Today I brought forth a resolution
11 with Councilmember Lozada to honor
12 and celebrate Fab Youth Philly on
13 their 10th anniversary. Fab Youth
14 Philly encourages young people to
15 take the lead in creating
16 meaningful opportunities for
17 service development and employment.
18 Their initiatives include the Play
19 Captains program, which trains and
20 pays teenagers to lead Play groups
21 for younger children during the
22 summer; a youth-run thrift store
23 called Babbit; a successful program
24 that addresses the lifeguard

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2 shortage in Philadelphia by
3 training young people to become
4 lifeguards. These programs are not
5 only to the benefit of the young
6 people who participate, but they
7 benefit the entire city.

8 And I'd like to thank
9 Rebecca Fabiano, the founder of Fab
10 Youth Philly, for 10 years of her
11 vision and leadership. I'd also
12 like to recognize my Legislative
13 Director, Glen Forster, who is a
14 founding member of another
15 organization we are celebrating
16 today, Philly Queer Fundy.

17 When Glen told me that
18 he was starting a new organization
19 to provide immigrant defense
20 training, raise funds to support
21 marginalized communities and build
22 a culture of solidarity amongst
23 queer folks in Philly and throwing
24 amazing parties, I was very

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2 impressed. And since then, Philly
3 Queer Fundy has become a political
4 home for hundreds of queer
5 Philadelphians.

6 They have raised over
7 \$20,000, trained countless patrons
8 and staff members of the Gayborhood
9 businesses on immigrant defense,
10 and shown us all what solidarity
11 looks like. As an organizer
12 myself, I am thrilled to see this
13 work advancing in our city and I'm
14 looking forward to seeing what
15 Philly Queer Fundy does next.

16 With summer being around
17 the corner, I want to share some of
18 my upcoming events. My office is
19 partnering with State Rep Chris
20 Rabb on a shredding event in
21 Germantown on Saturday, June 6th.
22 I am also looking forward to a High
23 Tea and Town Hall event for seniors
24 that I am co-hosting with

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2 Councilmember Anthony Phillips on
3 Monday, June 8th. All of my
4 colleagues are invited to join me
5 on the Parkway for Disability Pride
6 on Saturday, June 13th. And
7 finally, my office will be hosting
8 the Ninth Annual Autism Playdate
9 this year on Saturday, August 8th
10 at Smith Memorial Playground.

11 Thank you so much,
12 Council President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: You're welcome.

15 Speeches on behalf --
16 I'm sorry. Councilmember Nicolas
17 O'Rourke.

18 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

19 Thank you, Mr. President.

20 Today we passed a
21 resolution I introduced a few weeks
22 ago calling on the Trump
23 administration to take Cuba off the
24 State Sponsors of Terrorism list,

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2 and it urged the end of the
3 economic sanctions on the island
4 nation of Cuba. Cuba is firmly in
5 the White House's sites as the U.S.
6 has increased financial and legal
7 pressure in the hopes of
8 overthrowing the Communist Party
9 political class that holds power in
10 Cuba.

11 They're now facing a
12 severe oil shortage as well as
13 dwindling supply of many basic
14 commodities. 32 City Councils,
15 including the aforementioned
16 Pittsburgh, have passed resolutions
17 calling for the end of the embargo
18 and for removing Cuba from the
19 State Sponsors of Terror list.
20 Governmental bodies representing
21 more than 60 million Americans have
22 called for these demands.

23 If you've been paying
24 attention to the news recently,

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2 you'll probably see that Trump has
3 been threatening military action
4 against Cuba since the capture of
5 Venezuela's Nicolas Maduro, as part
6 of the Trumped-up Monroe Doctrine
7 or Donroe Doctrine, as he calls it,
8 designs for stricter control over
9 the hemisphere.

10 Many will remember that
11 before President Obama worked to
12 open up a better relationship
13 between our nations, it was Jesse
14 Jackson, the late now Jesse
15 Jackson, who actually reached
16 across that divide, another example
17 of that international power, soft
18 power that he exercised preceding
19 that.

20 Some will know that the
21 towering leaders, like now deceased
22 President Nelson Mandela, never
23 forget the role Cubans played in
24 the South African liberation

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2 struggle, the Cubans who paid with
3 their lives for Africans to be
4 free. Even further back, there are
5 the iconic images of Fidel Castro's
6 visit to Harlem with Malcolm X,
7 where he and his delegation formed
8 real, surprisingly lasting
9 relationships with that community.

10 My preferred Black
11 leaders of the last century never
12 let go of a robust, unflinching
13 internationalism and those leaders
14 always seem to be excited and
15 inspired by the audacity of the
16 Cuban people to defy the giant in
17 their backyard, the big ole USA.
18 And I have to say that it's
19 inspired me as well.

20 I'm not going to insist
21 on how you feel about Cuba. I know
22 that there are mixed feelings, and
23 understandably so. But I honestly
24 suggest that everyone learn about

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2 the nation beyond what this
3 President or any President really
4 has to say about the island and its
5 people. Consider the injustice of
6 possible military action against
7 Cuba and then make your voice
8 heard.

9 Lastly, to the listening
10 public, especially those seniors
11 west of the Schuylkill, I want to
12 invite you to my office's first
13 Senior Resource Fair. I'm excited
14 to be joining forces with
15 Philadelphia Corporation for Aging
16 this Saturday to fellowship with
17 the backbone of our communities,
18 the seniors who have given so much
19 of themselves to our city over
20 time.

21 We'll have workshops
22 with the Register of Wills and
23 others, yoga. We'll have chair
24 aerobics, we'll have a grocery

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2 giveaway, so much more. So please

3 come out. Come one, come all.

4 We'll be at the Firehouse Active

5 Adult Center at 54th and Haverford,

6 starting at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Sort

7 of like Council does, 10:00 a.m.

8 sharp.

9 I also want to shout out

10 my colleague in her absence,

11 Majority Leader Gilmore Richardson,

12 who will be serving seniors through

13 her own fair on Friday up at the

14 Northeast Older Adult Center,

15 Philly. There's no shortage of

16 opportunities to connect with your

17 representatives. We are doing the

18 work even as we slip into the

19 summertime. But once again, this

20 Saturday, 54th and Haverford,

21 10:00 a.m. Join us for a Senior

22 Resource Fair. Be there. Yeah, be

23 there.

24 Thank you so much,

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2 Mr. President.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 Chair recognizes
6 speeches on behalf of the Majority,
7 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

9 Thank you, Mr. President.

10 You know, we know that
11 public safety is not just about
12 enforcement. There's so much more
13 that goes with public safety. It's
14 about prevention and preparedness,
15 communication and care for one
16 another. And that is why today I
17 was proud to introduce and support
18 and get support for our hearings to
19 the Committee on Public Safety to
20 examine mandatory conflict
21 resolution training and
22 de-escalation training for all city
23 employees.

24 And, Mr. President, if

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2 you remember last summer, we
3 introduced a program at playgrounds
4 and rec centers in the 8th
5 District, calling it Playing It
6 Safe in the 8th, and that was all
7 about conflict resolution and
8 de-escalating tensions before
9 something jumped off in our
10 recreation centers.

11 And so, we would like
12 to, based on how successful that
13 was last summer with bringing
14 trusted messengers out to our rec
15 centers and having them resolve
16 conflict among young people,
17 particularly among young people, we
18 thought that this was something
19 that the entire city could benefit
20 from with the proper de-escalation
21 training given through the City of
22 Philadelphia to city employees.

23 So we're really excited
24 about the possibilities and are

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2 going to be doing some work on that
3 this summer as well in the 8th
4 Council District, so it's very
5 exciting. We should not assume
6 that people are naturally equipped
7 with the skills to be able to
8 de-escalate a situation. We also
9 have seen a situation where someone
10 may be well-meaning, but may end up
11 adding actually lighter fluid to a
12 flame instead of water, and things
13 getting out of control very, very
14 quickly.

15 And so, every
16 interaction between government and
17 the public matters, whether someone
18 works at a recreation center, a
19 library, a city office and
20 sanitation, parks & rec, public
21 safety. Employees deserve the
22 tools to manage conflicts calmly,
23 communicate effectively, and reduce
24 unnecessary escalation. These

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2 trainings can strengthen workplace
3 culture, improve security and
4 service delivery, reduce violence
5 and help create a healthier and
6 more respectful city for both
7 workers and residents.

8 And in addition, we're
9 also calling for hearings on CPR
10 and emergency overdose awareness
11 training for city employees,
12 because we know that immediate
13 action can save lives before first
14 responders actually arrive. And
15 when we were working on this bill,
16 what came to mind was a lobbyist
17 who I haven't seen down here in a
18 minute, but he used to be a
19 regular. I won't call his name out
20 because I haven't spoken to him.

21 But I remember him
22 telling me his story that he was
23 actually in a movie theater and had
24 a heart attack, and he said the

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2 only thing that saved his life was
3 that there was a nurse sitting in
4 the row in front of him who knew
5 how to do CPR. And so, it made me
6 wonder what if any one of us was in
7 the movie theater and was either
8 the person having a heart attack or
9 the person sitting in front of
10 them, would we know what to do and
11 will we be able to be helpful.

12 And so, we think it
13 makes sense to have this sort of
14 training offered occasionally for
15 all city employees, if we do it
16 once a year, once every two years,
17 you know, but something of that
18 sort so that people have the skill
19 set to be able to be helpful in
20 case there's not a nurse sitting
21 right in front of you.

22 And also, I wanted to
23 finally acknowledge the importance
24 of the Ona Judge legislation, which

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2 is before Council and by formally
3 designating May 21st as Ona Judge
4 Day, the City of Philadelphia will
5 forever honor the courage and
6 resistance of Ona Judge who escaped
7 enslavement while living in our
8 city and fought for her freedom
9 against impossible odds. We did a
10 resolution last session, but this
11 bill will immortalize the holiday
12 every single year, ensuring future
13 generations continue to learn her
14 story and reflect on both the
15 painful truths and enduring
16 resilience that shape our nation's
17 history.

18 One other thing I just
19 wanted to bring to everyone's
20 attention, which I just read about
21 today, was awareness around the
22 state fight for animal rights and
23 welfare, which is going to be done
24 through House Bill 1816 if passed,

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2 which is called Victoria's Law.
3 This bill was introduced by
4 Representative Jeanne McNeill, and
5 it represents an important step
6 forward for animal welfare,
7 consumer protection and humane
8 breeding practices across
9 Pennsylvania.

10 Victoria's Law is named
11 after a German Shepherd who was
12 rescued from a Pennsylvania puppy
13 mill after nearly a decade of
14 suffering and producing more than
15 150 puppies while living with a
16 serious medical condition caused by
17 irresponsible commercial breeding
18 practices. Her story is
19 heartbreaking, but also a call to
20 action. This legislation will
21 prohibit the sale of commercially-
22 bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet
23 stores, helping to reduce the
24 demand for animals raised in

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2 inhumane puppy and kitten mills.
3 At the same time, it promotes
4 partnerships with shelters,
5 rescues, and responsible breeders
6 who prioritize animal health and
7 ethical care.

8 And I want to thank
9 Representative McNeill for her
10 leadership on this issue. And as
11 you remember, we introduced a few
12 sessions ago, and this body passed
13 unanimously our Backyard Breeding
14 bill to also cut down on
15 irresponsible breeding happening
16 here in the City of Philadelphia.

17 So a lot of really good
18 things happening, Mr. President.
19 And I just really want to say thank
20 you to my colleagues for all of
21 their support. And one last thing
22 is a big thank you to Captains
23 Burks, Dana Bradley and Captain
24 Stuart McCoullum of the 35th, 39th

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2 and 14th Police Districts. We
3 thank them for their service. We
4 work very closely, myself. And I
5 know Councilmember Phillips works
6 very closely with the 35th and the
7 39th the 35th and the 14th as well.
8 They do an outstanding job and we
9 just really wanted to give them
10 their flowers.

11 So thank you,
12 Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

15 Councilmember
16 Dr. Anthony Phillips. Then
17 Councilmember Rue Landau and then
18 Jeffrey Jay Young.

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: I
20 just wanted to be very brief. I
21 just wanted to say congratulations.
22 Last week we weren't in session and
23 I just want to say congratulations
24 to our returning State Senators and

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2 State Representatives, and also
3 congratulations to our newly minted
4 Congressperson, because there won't
5 be an opponent in November. And
6 State Representative Chris Rabb, at
7 we are all working together to make
8 Philadelphia better.

9 I just think it's really
10 important that when elections pass,
11 it's important for us to think
12 about what are people saying and
13 what do we need to do to work
14 together after an election to
15 ensure that whatever agenda was
16 pushed forward on that day, that we
17 actually listen to it and we work
18 together. So I think it's
19 important for us to just think more
20 closely about how can we find ways
21 to take moments like Tuesday's
22 election, as opposed to say, oh
23 man, we didn't get this, we lost
24 it.

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2 No, sometimes it's not a
3 loss. Sometimes it's actually a
4 victory for all of us to be able to
5 think about what's next on how we
6 can move Philadelphia forward. So
7 I think it's important to announce
8 that.

9 So thanks a lot, Council
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

13 Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Rue Landau.

15 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

16 Thank you, Council President.

17 Today ahead of Pride
18 Month, I introduced several
19 resolutions honoring and uplifting
20 the queer leaders, organizations
21 and trailblazers who are helping
22 create a continued legacy of queer
23 excellence here in Philly. Stay
24 tuned for even more, as I have a

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2 presentation here in City Council
3 session on June 11th celebrating
4 the awesome contributions of these
5 leaders and more throughout our
6 city's LGBTQ+ community.

7 As we kick off the
8 summer and the 250th is underway,
9 it's more vital than ever that we
10 let our new visitors know that the
11 City of Brotherly Love, Sisterly
12 Affection and Sibling Solidarity is
13 here, queer and welcoming to all
14 regardless of who they're rooting
15 for in the World Cup.

16 I'd also like to let
17 everyone know that next weekend my
18 office will be hosting an LGBTQ+
19 Resource Fair for Philadelphians
20 from across the city at St. Luke's
21 Church of the Epiphany in the
22 Gayborhood, a lot of wonderful
23 opportunities and resources there,
24 and encourage everyone from

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2 colleagues to constituents to join.
3 And finally, thank you,
4 Council President, for the
5 opportunity to co-sponsor with
6 Councilmember Nina Ahmad your
7 Quality of Life Town Hall tour that
8 you've been doing throughout the
9 city. The next one that we are
10 doing is Tuesday, the church at the
11 22nd and Bainbridge. It's Tuesday
12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Church of the
13 Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostol --
14 all right. Give this --

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: That's okay. Apostolic
17 Faith.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: --
19 one to your only Jewish member.

20 (Laughter.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: We love everybody.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

3 Anyway thank you. I hope to see
4 you all there, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
5 at 22nd and Bainbridge. Thank you.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you, Member Landau.
8 Councilmember Jeffrey
9 Jay Young.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
11 you, Mr. President.

12 Today I want to thank my
13 colleagues for passing a resolution
14 honoring Principal Anna Jenkins of
15 Adaire Elementary School. I'm
16 proud to honor her for her years of
17 dedicated service and unwavering
18 commitment to the young people and
19 families of Philadelphia.

20 Principal Jenkins has been more
21 than an educator, but a steady
22 leader, a mentor, and community
23 pillar in Fishtown.

24 Her impact will be felt

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2 for generations through the lives
3 she's helped shape, so much so that
4 every 8th grader at Adaire, which
5 is a neighborhood catchment school,
6 got into their first choice for
7 high school, every single 8th
8 grader. So on behalf of City
9 Council and our community, we want
10 to thank Principal Jenkins for her
11 leadership, compassion, and
12 service, and we wish her a joyful
13 and well-deserved retirement.

14 As a reminder to
15 residents in the Lemon Hill area,
16 so residents in Strawberry Mansion,
17 the southern portion of Fairmount
18 Brewerytown, Spring Garden, our
19 office and Councilman Jones also
20 want to remind you that the
21 Philadelphia Parking Authority is
22 hosting a series of upcoming
23 parking permit pop-up events to
24 help neighbors prepare for the

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2 temporary parking changes during
3 the FIFA Fan Fest Festival period.

4 The pop-ups are an
5 opportunity for residents to apply
6 for their free temporary
7 residential permit parking, ask
8 questions directly to PPA
9 representatives and get assistance
10 with their documents, their
11 visitors' passes, enforcement
12 concerns and the overall process
13 right in their own neighborhoods.

14 So today at Eastern
15 State Penitentiary at the Farmers
16 Market on 22nd Street from
17 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Parking
18 Authority representatives will be
19 there. Also, at the City School
20 for the Fairmount Civic Association
21 meeting tonight from 7:00 p.m. to
22 8:30 p.m., Parking Authority
23 representatives will be there.

24 Next week, June 2nd at

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2 Vaux Big Picture High School from
3 4:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., Parking
4 Authority representatives will be
5 there. And also, at our town hall
6 that we're hosting next week at
7 Prince of Peace Church from
8 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 4th,
9 Parking Authority representatives
10 will be there to help you on the
11 spot.

12 This Saturday, May 30th
13 our office is proud to host our
14 first All About Youth Mental Health
15 Awareness Conference at the Martin
16 Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center
17 at 22nd and Cecil B. Moore. This
18 is about creating a safe space and
19 uplifting and empowering young
20 people, ages 12 to 18 to focus on
21 healing, self-expression, and
22 community. Young people will
23 participate in interactive
24 workshops centered around

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2 (inaudible) work and designed to
3 encourage wellness, confidence, and
4 healthy emotional expression in a
5 supportive environment.

6 There was a statistic.

7 There was a study done by doctors
8 at University of Penn that said 1
9 in 8 Black boys at age 14 will be
10 shot or be killed before they reach
11 25, 1 in 8 Black 14-year-old males
12 in this city, and their study found
13 that the first thing they talked
14 about to reducing this was youth
15 engagement.

16 And so, that's what we
17 are focusing on with this
18 conference, and other things we've
19 done throughout the 5th Council
20 District is youth engagement to
21 reduce these levels of gun violence
22 that still plagues our community
23 and the young people in our city.
24 So as we continue to recognize

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2 Mental Health Awareness Month, this
3 conference is a reminder that
4 investing in youth mental health
5 means showing up for our young
6 people, showing them that they are
7 seen, supported, and valued and
8 that they are never alone.

9 So no registration is
10 required. We encourage families
11 and organizations from across the
12 city to join us for this important
13 day of healing and empowerment. We
14 do ask that if you are bringing
15 young people, that you stay with
16 the young people throughout the day
17 for the conference.

18 Also, at the Martin
19 Luther King Recreation Center,
20 there is a survey going around. We
21 have invested money to restore the
22 playground At Martin Luther King
23 Rec Center, so we have a survey.
24 We want your input to see how this

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2 new playground should be designed.

3 On Thursday June 4th, our office is

4 proud to host an upcoming housing

5 resource workshop from six to 8pm

6 at Prince of Peace Baptist Church

7 that's at 32nd and Berks bringing

8 together housing agencies,

9 organizations, and service

10 providers directly to the community

11 to connect residents with those

12 critical resources.

13 We have invited

14 representatives from PHDC, Turn the

15 Key, PECO, the Water Department,

16 L&I, OPA and Parking Authority and

17 others will be available to answer

18 questions, provide guidance and

19 help residents navigate housing,

20 utility, property and neighborhood

21 concerns. As housing affordability

22 and neighborhood stability continue

23 to impact families across

24 Philadelphia, our office remains

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2 committed to making government more
3 accessible, responsive, and
4 community-centered by ensuring
5 residents can get real information,
6 real assistance and real support
7 all in one place.

8 Yesterday we celebrated
9 the completion of Triangle Square
10 Park, which turned and transformed
11 a broken and often hazardous
12 traffic island into a beautiful
13 green space at 24th and Green. So
14 I want to thank the residents of
15 the Philadelphian who supported
16 this project. This was a true
17 public-private partnership. Those
18 residents put their own dollars in
19 to ensure that this space gets
20 transformed.

21 I want to thank the
22 Streets Department for ensuring
23 that this work has gotten completed
24 on time. And I want to take this

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2 as a model to use throughout our
3 Council District to work with
4 communities to beautify, you know,
5 eyesores of spaces in our
6 community.

7 I want to acknowledge
8 Councilmember O'Rourke for his
9 resolution on Cuba in March of
10 2015. I had an opportunity to
11 visit Cuba where I participated in
12 a program with some law students
13 from my law school, Rutgers School
14 of Law in Newark and my professor,
15 Charles Auffant, where I received a
16 certificate in the Cuban legal
17 system from the National Union of
18 Cuban Jurists.

19 And while in Cuba, I
20 really learned about why their
21 conditions exist on the ground.
22 And it's a lot of propaganda that
23 we were taught here in America on
24 what Cuba is. But when you go

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2 there and you talk to the people on
3 the ground, it's our fault that
4 Cuba is the way that it is, to be
5 quite honest, right.

6 And so, I really want us
7 to think about doing our own
8 research, as Councilmember O'Rourke
9 suggested, to really see why things
10 are how they are. I mean, America
11 is an imperialist country, right,
12 so we have to understand and
13 recognize that.

14 And how ironic while I
15 was on a Cuban beach, I was reading
16 To Die for the People: The
17 Writings of Huey P. Newton, right,
18 so just let that sink in, and to
19 understand why I'll say the
20 American empire has such a bad rep
21 across the world, right. We have
22 to really look inward and look at
23 our own political system and our
24 own structures and our own

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2 leadership to see why other
3 countries, other nations, other
4 third-world countries have the
5 problems and issues that they face
6 because they just will not allow
7 America to come in and dictate
8 their own policy. We need to have
9 countries to be free to choose how
10 they want to be governed, to choose
11 their economic system, to choose
12 what freedom looks like for them.

13 And last but not least,
14 Mr. President, this past weekend my
15 wife and I celebrated our
16 anniversary. So I was going to say
17 happy anniversary, babe --

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Congratulations.

20 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: I'll
21 see you soon. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: I think I said

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2 congratulations while you were
3 saying it, so let me hear you say
4 it again so the Mrs. can hear you.
5 Go ahead.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Yes.
7 My wife and I celebrate will our
8 university this weekend. So I want
9 to say Happy Anniversary, Babe.
10 And I'll see you soon.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: As there are no more
13 speeches, the Chair recognizes
14 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
15 motion to adjourn.

16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:
17 Thank you, Council President.

18 I move that Council
19 stands adjourned until Thursday,
20 June 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
23 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
24 properly seconded that the Council

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2 stands adjourned until Thursday,

3 June 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

4 All in favor will
5 signify by saying aye.

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
12 motion carries. Thank you all very
13 much, and especially Councilmember
14 Jim Harrity. See y'all next
15 Thursday. Thank you.

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17 (Stated Meeting
18 adjourned at 1:45 p.m.)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

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- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS ON FIRST READING**260298****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ridge Avenue, Spring Lane, Hagy's Mill Road, Port Royal Avenue, River Road, and the Montgomery County Line.

RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260481****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution calling for the expansion of equitable cultural opportunities for children enrolled in childcare facilities throughout the City of Philadelphia through membership access to the Art-Reach ACCESS Program, particularly during the summer season when the City welcomes visitors from around the world.

260545**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution urging the Trump Administration to remove Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism and urging Congress to vote to end all economic sanctions against Cuba.

260546**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact legislation that would allow local jurisdictions to adopt ranked choice voting.

260548**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring the Life, Legacy, and Distinguished Service of Detective Samuel P. Wyche, Sr., who served on the first all-Black Detective unit, the Dick Anderson Squad, in recognition of National Police Week 2026

BILLS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Contracts and Procurement,” to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

260063-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance renaming and designating the property commonly referred to as Panati Playground, located at 3100 N 22nd Street, to the “Allegheny West Recreation Center” in recognition of the community and neighborhood that it serves.

260212**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by McKinley Street, Leonard Street, Devereaux Avenue, and Bustleton Avenue.

260238**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Ludlow Street, South 41st Street, West Girard Avenue, and North 48th Street.

260296**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance to approve amendments to the University of Pennsylvania Master Plan in the area bounded by Walnut Street, 36th Street, Spruce Street, and 39th Street, related to the Class of 1920 Commons building at 3800 Locust Walk, and the Stuart Weitzman Theatre addition to the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (ACPA) at 3680 Walnut Street.

260297**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Spruce Street, 34th Street, Civic Center Boulevard, and University Avenue.

260301**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Milnor Street, Cottman Avenue, Cottman Avenue (Extended), the Delaware River, Unruh Avenue (Extended), Unruh Avenue, Wissinoming Street, and New State Road.

260302**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla for Councilmember Bass

An Ordinance to amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by changing the zoning designations of certain areas of land located within an area bounded by Lippincott Street, 20th Street, Toronto Street, and 22nd Street.

260340**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 323 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, under certain terms and conditions.

260379**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance amending Section 14-500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts” by amending Section 14-520, entitled “/NDO, Ninth District Overlay District,” by making technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.