

Committee on Law and Government

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, April 6, 2026
10:25 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON,
CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN RUE LANDAU
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

ALSO PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN ISAIAH THOMAS

BILL: 260263

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COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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RICHARDSON: Good morning. I now

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note that the hour has come to

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begin today's hearing.

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Clerk, will you please

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call the roll to take attendance.

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Members who are in attendance will

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please indicate that you are

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present when your name is called.

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THE CLERK:

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Councilmember Bass.

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(No response.)

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THE CLERK:

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Councilmember O'Neill.

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(No response.)

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THE CLERK:

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Councilmember Squilla.

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COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

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Present.

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THE CLERK:

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Councilmember Phillips.

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COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

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Present.

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1 THE CLERK:

2 Councilmember Landau.

3 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

4 Present.

5 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair

6 Brooks.

7 (No response.)

8 THE CLERK: Chair

9 Gilmore Richardson.

10 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

11 RICHARDSON: I am present. Thank
12 you. A quorum of this committee is
13 present and the hearing is now
14 called to order. This is the
15 public hearing of the Committee on
16 Law and Government regarding Bill
17 No. 260263.

18 Clerk, will you please
19 read the title of the bill.

20 THE CLERK: Bill No.
21 260263, an ordinance to repeal in
22 its entirety Bill No. 241056
23 (approved March 10, 2026), entitled
24 An Ordinance Providing for the

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1 submission to the qualified
2 electors of the City of
3 Philadelphia of the proposal set
4 forth in a Resolution approved by
5 Council proposing an amendment to
6 the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter
7 to eliminate the requirement that
8 City officers and employees resign
9 from their City office or
10 employment before becoming
11 candidates for public office; and
12 authorizing the appropriate
13 officers to publish notice and to
14 make arrangements for the special
15 election; and to rescind the
16 direction provided to various City
17 officers set forth therein.

18 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

19 RICHARDSON: Thank you very much.

20 Are there any colleagues
21 of the committee who would like to
22 make opening remarks?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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1 RICHARDSON: Seeing none, are there
2 any witnesses here to provide
3 testimony for today's hearing?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
5 (Inaudible).

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

7 RICHARDSON: Pardon me. Give me
8 one moment. I'm talking about
9 witnesses right now.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: Seeing there are no
13 witnesses for the public hearing,
14 are there any individuals present
15 to give public comment regarding
16 today's hearing?

17 Clerk, will you please
18 call the names that we have.

19 THE CLERK: Yes. Sloan
20 King-Wolf.

21 (Witness approached
22 witness table.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

24 RICHARDSON: Please approach the

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1 witness table and state your name
2 for the record. Okay. Thank you,
3 dear.

4 MS. KING-WOLF: Okay.
5 Thank you.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
7 RICHARDSON: And while she's
8 approaching the witness table, are
9 there any additional individuals
10 here to provide public comment for
11 today's hearing?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
14 RICHARDSON: Okay. Thank you so
15 much for being here. Thank you for
16 coming. Please state your name for
17 the record and then proceed with
18 your public comment.

19 MS. KING-WOLF: Yes,
20 ma'am. My name is Sloan Ebony
21 King-Wolf. So good morning. I
22 also go by China. I'm the founder
23 and creator of Legacy Roots Housing
24 Initiative, LLC. Legacy Roots is a

1 Philadelphia-based platform focused
2 on modular-ready housing, strategic
3 land activation and implementation-
4 centered community development. My
5 work sits at the intersection of
6 housing production, workforce
7 opportunity, and neighborhood
8 stability.

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

10 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you
11 very much for your public comment.
12 We appreciate you being here and
13 thank you so much for your great
14 work.

15 MS. KING-WOLF: Thank
16 you guys for having me.

17 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

18 RICHARDSON: Thank you, dear, for
19 coming. Thank you so much.

20 Are there any further
21 witnesses here to provide public
22 testimony or public comment whose
23 name has not been called?

24 (No response.)

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1 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

2 RICHARDSON: Are there any further
3 witnesses here to provide public
4 comment or testimony whose name has
5 not been called?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

8 RICHARDSON: Seeing none, that will
9 conclude the public hearing. We
10 will now begin the public meeting
11 on the previously mentioned bill,
12 which is Bill No. 260263.

13 Clerk, will you please
14 call the roll to take attendance.
15 Members who are in attendance will
16 please indicate that you are
17 present when your name is called.

18 THE CLERK:

19 Councilmember Bass.

20 (No response.)

21 THE CLERK:

22 Councilmember O'Neill.

23 (No response.)

24 THE CLERK:

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1 Councilmember Squilla.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

3 Present.

4 THE CLERK:

5 Councilmember Phillips.

6 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

7 Present.

8 THE CLERK:

9 Councilmember Landau.

10 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

11 Present.

12 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair

13 Brooks.

14 (No response.)

15 THE CLERK: Chair

16 Gilmore Richardson. I am present.

17 Thank you. A quorum of the

18 committee is present and the Chair

19 recognizes Councilmember Landau for

20 a motion on Bill No. 260263.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

22 Thank you, Chair.

23 I move that Bill No.

24 260263 be reported from this

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1 committee with a favorable
2 recommendation and further move
3 that the rules of Council be
4 suspended to permit first reading
5 of this bill at the next session of
6 Council.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

9 RICHARDSON: The Chair notes for
10 the record that Councilmember
11 Squilla seconds the motion.

12 It has been moved and
13 properly seconded that Bill No.
14 260263 be reported from this
15 committee with a favorable
16 recommendation and further move
17 that the rules of Council be
18 suspended as to permit first
19 reading at the next session of
20 Council.

21 All those in favor will
22 indicate by stating aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

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1 RICHARDSON: Those opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

4 RICHARDSON: The ayes have it and
5 the motion carries. Bill No.
6 260263 will be reported from this
7 committee with a favorable
8 recommendation with the request
9 that the rules of Council be
10 suspended as to permit first
11 reading at the next session of
12 Council.

13 There being no further
14 bills or resolutions on the agenda,
15 this concludes the business before
16 the Committee on Law and Government
17 today. Thank you very much for
18 your attendance and your
19 participation. Thank you,
20 colleagues.

21 (Committee on Law and
22 Government concluded at 10:35 a.m.)

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I, hereby certify that the proceedings
and evidence noted are contained fully and
accurately in the stenographic notes taken
by me in the foregoing matter, and that
this is a correct transcript of the same.



TANEHA CARROLL
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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