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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, October 1, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILWOMAN NINA AHMAD
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
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: Visitors, please retire
4 to the seats outside the rails. I
5 note that the hour has come and
6 that a quorum of this City Council
7 is present. Before proceeding, I
8 would like to -- for all those who
9 are present, please set your cell
10 phones to silent and/or vibrate.

11 Good morning, everyone.

12 (Good morning.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Good morning, everyone.

15 (Good morning.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: To give our invocation
18 this morning, the Chair recognizes
19 Rev. Jay Bergen, Pastor of
20 Germantown Mennonite Church. He is
21 here today as guest of
22 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke. I
23 will ask all members and guests to
24 please rise.

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2 (Councilmembers,
3 visitors and guests rise.)

4 PASTOR BERGEN: Thank
5 you all for being here. Normally,
6 Mennonites consider political
7 leadership more of a punishment
8 than something to celebrate, but it
9 is an honor to be here
10 nevertheless. We come here to
11 acknowledge, to recognize the one
12 in whose oneness we find our shared
13 humanity.

14 And when we gather to
15 deliberate, to discuss, to discern,
16 our greatest responsibility is to
17 hear each other. If our
18 discernment is to mean anything, it
19 is dependent, I think, on who we
20 are hearing, not just who we listen
21 to but who we actually hear. We
22 are all of us from our different
23 traditions, our different faiths,
24 our different practices, always

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2 seeking out the voice of the
3 divine, the presence of the Holy
4 One who is here guiding our
5 discernment.

6 So God, give us ears to
7 hear you. As we discern our
8 response to a warming climate, help
9 us hear the choking cries of our
10 neighbors crying out for clean air.
11 For their cries or your cries,
12 O God, as we discern our response
13 to rising fascism. Help us hear
14 the cries of those living under
15 fear of deportation. The families
16 on 66th and Pascall this morning,
17 who hid in their homes as ICE
18 agents stalked the streets, for
19 their cries are your cries, O God.

20 As we discern the
21 budgets for our police, for our
22 jails, let us listen especially to
23 the tears of the mothers who have
24 buried one child and lost another

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2 child to incarceration. For those
3 who live at the intersection of
4 such pain and loss and injustice,
5 their cries are your cries, O God.

6 And as the fortunes of
7 the wealthy pile higher, may we
8 here in this room, may all of us in
9 this city hear the cries of the
10 workers, of the families who cannot
11 afford rent, of the everyday people
12 who are made in divine image and
13 yet denied full humanity by the
14 rapacious greed and violence of
15 racial capitalism. Their cries are
16 your cries, O God.

17 So Holy One, by whatever
18 name we know you and call on you,
19 give us ears to hear. Give us
20 hearts and hands to act. Help us
21 remember the words of the prophets
22 who warn that unhearing leaders do
23 not last long atop their pedestals.
24 Help us be worthy of the work that

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2 is before us for our own sake, for
3 our children and our children's
4 children and for all of your
5 creation. Amen.

6 (Amen.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The Chair Thanks
9 Rev. Bergen for his invocation.

10 Council will be at ease.

11 (Council at ease.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes the
14 presence of Councilmember Mark
15 Squilla.

16 The next order of
17 business is the Approval of the
18 Journal of the meeting of Tuesday,
19 September 26 -- September 24th of
20 2026.

21 The Chair recognizes
22 Councilwoman Cindy Bass.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 I move that the Journal
3 of the meeting of Thursday,
4 September 24, 2026 be approved.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that the Journal
9 of the meeting of Thursday,
10 September 24th of 2026 stand
11 approved.

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 and the
20 Journal is approved.

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

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2 Richardson.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

4 RICHARDSON: Thank you,

5 Mr. President.

6 On behalf of the

7 Majority, there are no requests for
8 leaves of absence today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The Chair thanks the
11 Majority Leader.

12 The Chair recognizes
13 Minority Whip Councilmember Nicolas
14 O'Rourke.

15 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 On behalf of the

18 Minority, a leave of absence is
19 requested for Councilmember Kendra
20 Brooks.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Leave is granted. Thank
23 you very much. The Chair thanks
24 the Minority Whip.

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2 The Chair now recognizes

3 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore

4 Richardson for a motion concerning

5 certain legislative matters that

6 may arise during the course of

7 today's session of Council and that

8 were not listed on the Calendar

9 circulated prior to today's Council

10 session.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: Thank you,

13 Mr. President.

14 I move that any of the

15 following matters, if considered

16 today, may be added to the agenda

17 for this session of Council and, as

18 required by law, subsequently

19 published on an amended agenda

20 after the consideration of those

21 matters: resolutions authorizing

22 hearings, amendments to bills on

23 first reading, the reconsideration

24 of a bill vetoed by or re-called

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2 from the Mayor, amendments to bills
3 re-called from the Mayor,
4 resolutions taking substantive
5 action to be voted on in this
6 session, a motion to withdraw a
7 bill or resolution that is not on
8 the Calendar, and a motion placing
9 a bill or resolution on or
10 returning a bill or resolution from
11 the Suspension Calendar that is not
12 listed on today's Calendar.

13 The purpose of this
14 motion is to provide the public
15 with notice concerning possible
16 actions by Council that arose too
17 late to be included on the Calendar
18 that was published prior to today's
19 session.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the
24 legislative matters stated by

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2 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
3 Richardson may be added to the
4 agenda for today should those
5 matters arise during the course of
6 this session of Council.

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 and the
15 motion carries.

16 The Chair will dispense
17 with the regular order of business
18 to recognize the guests and
19 visitors joining us in Council
20 Chambers this morning.

21 On behalf of all members
22 of City Council, I welcome you to
23 our Council session. We appreciate
24 your taking the time to join us as

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2 we attend the legislative affairs
3 of our great city. We certainly
4 invite you to come again.

5 The Chair recognizes
6 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
7 Richardson.

8 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

9 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
10 Mr. President. Thank you for the
11 acknowledgement today.

12 I wanted to recognize
13 the presence of Independence Blue
14 Cross Foundation on the occasion of
15 their 15th anniversary. Today we
16 are joined by Heather Major, the
17 President of the Independence Blue
18 Cross Foundation; Courtney Stefan,
19 Manager of Independence Blue Cross
20 Foundation; Jovi Hammer, Government
21 Affairs Manager; Lindsay Van Horn,
22 Associate Policy Analyst and all
23 the team members from the
24 Independence Blue Cross Foundation.

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2 We thank you for joining us here in
3 Council today for your 15th
4 anniversary. Please stand and be
5 recognized.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

9 I want to take a moment
10 of personal privilege to
11 acknowledge the honorable former
12 State Representative and spiritual
13 icon here in the City of
14 Philadelphia, the Honorable Louise
15 Williams Bishop. Let's give her a
16 round of applause.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you for joining us
20 today. We also have another
21 special guest that I'm going to ask
22 Councilmember Rue Landau to please
23 introduce.

24 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

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2 Good morning, Council President.

3 Thank you.

4 I would like everybody
5 to give a warm welcome to Mayor
6 Erica Deuso from Downingtown. She
7 is here as a special guest today
8 and will be speaking at public
9 comment. On behalf of my National
10 Coming Out Day Resolution, Mayor
11 Deuso is the first openly
12 transgender mayor in the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
14 Please stand up.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Welcome to City Council.

18 The Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Cindy Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 Today I want to welcome
23 to our body, the National Council
24 of Negro Women, who are here today.

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2 If we could ask them to please
3 stand. And we wanted to just make
4 note that they are here.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: And
7 they were founded in 1935 by
8 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and
9 established to unite African
10 American women and organizations to
11 improve the quality of life for
12 women, families and communities
13 while advancing equal rights and
14 opportunity. So we want to thank
15 them for their service and we'll be
16 hearing more from them during
17 public comment. Thank you so much
18 for being here.

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Welcome to Philadelphia
22 City Council.

23 Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

3 Thank you, Council President. And
4 good morning, everyone.

5 I have several guests in
6 chambers today that I'd like to
7 recognize. I'm proud to recognize
8 first, the elders, descendants,
9 advocates and historians who are
10 here with us today in support of my
11 resolution formally recognizing the
12 historic neighborhood of the Black
13 Bottom in the city's records.

14 Please join me in welcoming Black
15 Bottom Elder Gerald Davis, Amy
16 Hillier and Cara McClellan from the
17 University of Pennsylvania.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

20 And here on behalf of Dr. Shawna
21 Thomas-El and Eddie Gong, Emily
22 Ndiokho here on behalf of Professor
23 Edward Epstein at the University of
24 Pennsylvania, along with

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2 representatives of the Black Bottom
3 Association, the Black Bottom
4 Tribe, and especially Dr. Walter
5 Palmer and the Palmer Foundation as
6 well as the Penn Advocacy for
7 Racial and Civil Justice Clinic.

8 The Black Bottom was a
9 vibrant Black community in West
10 Philadelphia that was essentially
11 razed and dismantled by the City of
12 Philadelphia, in concert with the
13 University of Pennsylvania and
14 other institutional partners. In
15 the name of the University
16 expansion and economic development.
17 And through that activity, it is
18 estimated that 15,000 Black people
19 were displaced from West Philly.
20 And I think it's important that we
21 always recognize that history so
22 that it never happens again to
23 another community.

24 Can the representatives

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2 from the Black Bottom please stand
3 up and be recognized?

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

6 I am also proud and honored today
7 to welcome into chambers
8 representatives from Monumental
9 Baptist Church. Today we're
10 honored to have Rev. Dr. J. Wendell
11 Mapson, his wife Mrs. Mapson and
12 their son Jesse Mapson. They are
13 here in support of a resolution
14 that I have naming the 200 block of
15 South 50th Street "Monumental Way."
16 And they are also the church home
17 of one of our wonderful Council
18 staff members, Carmella Green, who
19 I also think is in chambers.

20 Monumental Baptist has
21 such a proud history. They were
22 founded in 1826 and they are
23 celebrating 200 years of faith and
24 service and community impact. I'm

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2 so proud to have them in my
3 district and to be naming the
4 street where they reside after
5 them. Can you all stand and be
6 recognized, please?

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

9 Thank you so much, Council
10 President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: They also just happened
13 to have an outstanding gospel
14 choir. I just want to acknowledge
15 that for the record.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

18 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

19 Thank you, Council President.

20 Later this morning, I am
21 going to do a presentation
22 recognizing the contributions of
23 Latino leaders across the city, but
24 they have brought with them some

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2 guests that I'd like you all to
3 help me welcome into our chambers.
4 They are members of the leadership
5 team at Jefferson Health as well as
6 members of Local 57. If you'd like
7 to please stand up to be
8 recognized.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Welcome to Philadelphia
12 City Council. Always good to see
13 Esteban Rivera of Local 57.

14 Chair recognizes
15 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

16 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

17 Thank you, Council President.

18 I'd like to recognize
19 Marni Gangel and congratulate her
20 on her retirement. After 37 years
21 of exemplary service at the
22 Defender Association of
23 Philadelphia. Marni has been a
24 steadfast champion for children and

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2 youth in Philadelphia, both as an
3 attorney representing young people
4 in the dependency system and as the
5 first Director of Policy and Child
6 Advocacy.

7 On behalf of Minority
8 Leader Brooks, I'd like to thank
9 Marni for her excellent work on the
10 Reproductive Freedom Task Force and
11 her decades of advocacy for young
12 people in need of reproductive
13 care. Marni, would you please
14 stand to be recognized? We
15 certainly welcome you in the
16 chambers.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

19 And I'd also like to recognize
20 workers from Starbucks Workers
21 United, SEIU, who are calling on
22 all of us to boycott Starbucks
23 until they come to the table and
24 negotiate a fair contract.

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2 Somebody say, No contract, No
3 coffee.

4 Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
9 Welcome to Philadelphia City
10 Council.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

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

15 I want to welcome to our
16 chambers, former Police
17 Commissioner, I believe he was the
18 13th Police Commissioner in
19 Philadelphia's history,
20 Commissioner Sylvester Johnson.

21 Would you please stand and welcome
22 you to Philadelphia City Council?

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: The

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2 Commissioner is here today in
3 support of someone we're honoring
4 today, Lieutenant Greg Brown, who
5 is retiring after 40 years of
6 serving our city with the
7 Philadelphia Police Department. So
8 thank you for being here in support
9 of Mr. Brown today.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Welcome. Thank you for
13 being here today, Commissioner
14 Sylvester Johnson, who coined the
15 phrase, We will not arrest our way
16 out of this situation, we have to
17 invest in people. Thank you,
18 Commissioner Sylvester Johnson, for
19 being here today.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: And soon we will honor an
23 outstanding labor leader here in
24 the City of Philadelphia. He's

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2 joined by his better half, First
3 Lady of Labor Toni Staten. We'll
4 be honoring Sam Staten, Jr., thank
5 you for being here, Local 332.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
9 recognizes Councilmember Quetcy
10 Lozada, who will present a
11 resolution honoring and recognizing
12 the distinguished Latino leaders
13 and community advocates in the City
14 of Philadelphia during Hispanic
15 Heritage Month. Can those joining
16 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada please
17 join her at the podium.

18 Members joining Member
19 Lozada are Councilmember Mike
20 Driscoll, Councilmember Dr. Nina
21 Ahmad, Councilmember Nicolas
22 O'Rourke, Councilmember Jim
23 Harrity, Councilmember Jamie
24 Gauthier, Majority Leader Katherine

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2 Gilmore Richardson, and the good
3 Dr. Councilmember Anthony Phillips.

4 (Councilmembers and
5 guests approached podium.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: The floor is yours,
8 Member Lozada.

9 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

10 Thank you, Council President.

11 Good morning. Buenos
12 dias.

13 (Buenos dias.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

15 Para todos ustedes aqui, gracias
16 por el trabajo y el labor de amor,
17 qué hacer en cada dia en nuestra
18 comunidad. It is an honor for me
19 to have all of these Latino leaders
20 in chamber this morning. And I
21 thank them for the work that they
22 do in our community day every day.

23 Hispanic Heritage Month
24 is a time to celebrate the rich

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2 history, culture and contributions
3 of Latino communities across the
4 city of Philadelphia. But it is
5 also an opportunity to recognize
6 the individuals who have dedicated
7 their lives to serving the
8 communities and creating
9 opportunities for others.

10 Today I am especially
11 proud to honor five Latino leaders
12 whose work has made a lasting
13 impact in Philadelphia, from media
14 and health care to labor, education
15 and community advocacy. It is my
16 privilege to recognize Maria del
17 Pilar Morales Albino, Jannette
18 Diaz, Ranery Figueroa-Torres, and
19 Esteban Vera, Jr. We are unable to
20 be joined by Reverend Wanda
21 Novales, who was also being
22 recognized for her contributions
23 and leadership in the community.
24 She sends her regards for not being

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2 able to be here today.

3 With that, I am proud to
4 introduce this resolution honoring
5 their leadership, service and
6 commitment to our city, recognizing
7 and honoring distinguished Latino
8 leaders and community advocates in
9 the City of Philadelphia during
10 Hispanic Heritage Month.

11 Whereas, Hispanic
12 Heritage Month is celebrated
13 annually from September 15th to
14 October 15th to recognize and honor
15 the history, culture and
16 contributions of Americans whose
17 ancestors came from Spain, Mexico,
18 the Caribbean and Central and South
19 America; and

20 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

21 RICHARDSON: Whereas,
22 Philadelphia's Latino communities
23 have long enriched the social,
24 cultural, and economic fabric of

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2 our city, distinguishing themselves
3 as business owners, educators,
4 civic leaders, artists, and
5 essential workers who build
6 stronger neighborhoods and inspire
7 future generations.

8 And for a point of
9 personal privilege, special shout-
10 out to my home church, Iglesia de
11 Dios de la Provincia; and

12 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
13 Whereas, while the achievements and
14 enduring legacy of Hispanic and
15 Latino communities should be
16 honored throughout the year,
17 Hispanic Heritage Month offers a
18 dedicated moment to celebrate the
19 resilience, vibrancy, and
20 immeasurable impact on the life of
21 our city and the nation; and

22 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
23 Whereas, in celebration of Hispanic
24 Heritage Month 2026, the Council of

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2 the City of Philadelphia is proud
3 to recognize local advocates,
4 educators, artists, leaders, those
5 who work in health and wellness,
6 youth empowerment, education and
7 cultural preservation continue to
8 uplift and empower Philadelphia's
9 Latino communities; and

10 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

11 Whereas, Maria del Pilar Morales
12 Albino has distinguished herself as
13 a proud Puerto Rican media leader
14 and champion of Hispanic culture,
15 dedicating more than 37 years to
16 television and radio across Puerto
17 Rico and the United States.

18 Through her work with Radio
19 Borinquen, Telemundo 62 and Mega
20 Radio, Pilar has used her voice and
21 platform to uplift Hispanic
22 stories, celebrate Puerto Rican
23 heritage, and keep communities
24 connected. And through her

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2 longstanding commitment to media
3 and culture, she has become an
4 influential voice and source of
5 pride for Philadelphia's Hispanic
6 community; and

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Whereas, Maria -- excuse me, sorry.
9 Whereas, Jannette Diaz, President
10 and CEO of Congreso de Latinos
11 Unidos, has dedicated more than 35
12 years to serving and strengthening
13 Philadelphia's Latino community.
14 Born and raised in North
15 Philadelphia, Jannette has held
16 leadership roles focused on health,
17 wellness, youth services and family
18 well-being, helping create greater
19 opportunities for Latino families
20 to thrive. And through her
21 leadership at Congreso and
22 commitment to equity, economic
23 mobility and opportunity, Jannette
24 continues to advocate for and

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2 uplift Philadelphia's Latino

3 community; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

5 Whereas, Ranery Figueroa-Torres is

6 a dedicated health care and

7 community engagement leader who has

8 spent nearly a decade building

9 partnerships and expanding access

10 to healthcare resources for

11 underserved and culturally diverse

12 communities. As Manager of

13 Community Engagement at Jefferson

14 Health Plans, Ranery brings

15 together healthcare providers,

16 community organizations, schools,

17 and families while working to

18 ensure Latino communities have

19 access to information, resources,

20 and opportunities. And as a

21 bilingual and culturally responsive

22 leader, she is helping create a

23 more equitable healthcare system

24 where Latino families are

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2 represented, heard and empowered;

3 and

4 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

5 Whereas, Esteban Vera, Jr. is a

6 proud Puerto Rican and longtime

7 Philadelphia labor leader who has

8 dedicated his career to creating

9 opportunities for working families

10 and strengthening the voice of the

11 Latino community. As Business

12 Manager of Laborers' Local 57,

13 Esteban became the first Latino to

14 lead a major union in the

15 Philadelphia region. And as the

16 first Latino to serve on SEPTA's

17 Board of Directors, he has brought

18 Latino representation into

19 important spaces of regional

20 leadership. And through his

21 commitment to organize labor,

22 community service and expanding

23 opportunity, Esteban continues to

24 serve as a powerful example of

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2 Latino leadership in Philadelphia;
3 and

4 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

5 Whereas, Wanda Novales is a proud
6 Puerto Rican educator, faith
7 leader, and community advocate
8 whose life's work has been rooted
9 in serving Philadelphia's Latino
10 community. After moving from
11 Puerto Rico to Philadelphia as a
12 child, Wanda dedicated her career
13 to education and became the
14 founding CEO and principal of Pan
15 American Charter School, creating
16 opportunities for students and
17 families in Kensington today. As a
18 member of the Philadelphia Board of
19 Education, Executive Pastor of City
20 Reach Church and longtime community
21 leader, she continues to advocate
22 for Philadelphia's students and
23 families, bringing people together
24 through faith, education, and

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2 community service, while uplifting
3 Latino families and inspiring the
4 next generation of leaders; and

5 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

6 Whereas, these five distinguished
7 leaders reflect the strength,
8 resilience, and diversity of
9 Philadelphia's Latino community.

10 And through their leadership,
11 service and dedication have helped
12 create a city where Latino families
13 can see themselves, their culture,
14 and their future represent it; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

17 Resolved, that the Council of the
18 City of Philadelphia, Hereby
19 recognizes and honors these
20 distinguished Latino leaders and
21 community advocates during Hispanic
22 Heritage Month, celebrates the
23 countless ways Latino
24 Philadelphians continue to shape

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2 and strengthen our city, and
3 reaffirms our commitment to
4 uplifting Latino voices, honoring
5 our shared histories and culture,
6 and ensuring that in every corner
7 of Philadelphia, there is an
8 opportunity to thrive. Felicidades
9 a todos.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Congratulations. Now,
13 please introduce your guests.

14 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA: At
15 this time, I'd like to introduce
16 Local 57 Representative Esteban
17 Vera.

18 MR. VERA: Oh my
19 goodness. Thank you, thank you,
20 thank you. Good morning,
21 everybody. Thank you guys. I
22 won't be long, just to say a few
23 words. I'm so grateful and honored
24 to be sitting up here with everyone

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2 that does so much great work. I
3 got to give a shout-out to my
4 brother, Vice-President of our
5 International Union, Sam Staten,
6 who is here with Tony and the
7 representatives from our Local, our
8 Business Agents, Marcial, Confessor
9 and Raheem. Thank you so much for
10 the hard work that they do.

11 Real quick. I
12 appreciate this citation, but this
13 isn't about me. This is about the
14 work that all of us do
15 collectively. And one thing that
16 I've learned growing up in this
17 city is that if we don't take care
18 of our own, nobody's going to come
19 to save us, nobody. So I'm honored
20 to be amongst like-minded. I
21 believe that we're a family here in
22 Philadelphia, and it isn't by
23 coincidence that we get so much
24 great work done in this great city.

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2 It's because of everybody in this
3 room that's doing the work. Thank
4 you and I'm honored. Thank you so
5 much for everything.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Esteban, I just have one
9 question to ask you. I don't know
10 how you have a former labor member
11 that's a member of Council who let
12 his other member make the
13 acknowledgment honoring you first,
14 Member Jim Harrity. But that's a
15 different conversation.

16 Council will be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The Chair also will take
20 a moment of personal privilege to
21 recognize former City Council
22 President and Mayor of the City of
23 Philadelphia, Mr. John F. Street.
24 Thank you for being here today,

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2 sir.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: At this time, the Chair
6 recognizes Councilmember Jeffrey
7 Jay Young, who will present a
8 resolution naming the 1400 block of
9 Thompson Street as "Samuel Staten
10 Jr. Way" to honor the life,
11 leadership and enduring
12 contributions of Samuel Staten, Jr.
13 to organized labor working families
14 in the City of Philadelphia.

15 Would Sam Staten, Jr.
16 and those accompanying him please
17 join Councilmember Young at the
18 podium. Joining Member Young are
19 the following members:

20 Councilmember Rue Landau,
21 Councilmember Mike Driscoll,
22 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke,
23 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad,
24 Councilmember Mark Squilla,

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2 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
3 Richardson, Councilmember Jim
4 Harrity.

5 (Councilmembers and
6 guests approached podium.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Member, the floor is
9 yours, sir.

10 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
11 you, Mr. President.

12 Today we have the
13 privilege of honoring someone who
14 has been supportive of communities
15 throughout the city for a long
16 time. As you can see, standing
17 behind us or with us,
18 Councilmembers are people that
19 represent different parts of what
20 keeps Philadelphia going. And
21 they're up here because of the
22 support that Mr. Staten has
23 provided over the years to keep
24 Philadelphia going.

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2 And we had a ceremony,
3 you know, on Labor Day to recognize
4 Mr. Staten. But this is to
5 formally do it in City Council and
6 pass the legislation so it can be
7 forever known, the 1400 block of
8 Thompson Street can be forever
9 known as Samuel Staten Jr. Drive.
10 And so, we're going to start the
11 presentation:

12 Also naming the 1400
13 block of Thompson Street as "Samuel
14 Staten Jr. Way" to honor the life,
15 leadership and enduring
16 contributions of Samuel Staten, Jr.
17 to organized labor, to working
18 families and to the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

21 Whereas, Samuel Staten, Jr., born
22 September 9, 1952, is a native of
23 Philadelphia and a graduate of
24 Germantown High School and the son

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2 of the late Sam Staten, Sr. Yeah.
3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:
5 Whose own life of service helped
6 establish a proud tradition of
7 leadership within Philadelphia's
8 labor community; and

9 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
10 RICHARDSON: Whereas, Samuel
11 Staten, Jr. began his career in
12 1972 when he joined Laborers
13 International Union of North
14 America Local 332 and spent seven
15 years working in the field as a
16 laborer, gaining firsthand
17 knowledge of the work, sacrifice,
18 dignity and determination of the
19 men and women whose labor has built
20 and sustained the City of
21 Philadelphia, and

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
23 Whereas, over the decades that
24 followed, Samuel Staten, Jr. rose

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2 through the ranks of Local 332,
3 serving as Field Representative,
4 Recording Secretary, Secretary-
5 Treasurer, Assistant Business
6 Manager, President and ultimately
7 Business Manager, dedicating his
8 career to advancing the interests
9 of laborers and expanding
10 opportunity for Philadelphia's
11 working families; and
12 Whereas, Samuel Staten,
13 Jr.'s leadership extended
14 throughout the labor movement,
15 including service as a leader
16 within the Laborers' District
17 Council of the Metropolitan Area of
18 Philadelphia and Vicinity, the
19 Philadelphia AFL-CIO and the
20 Philadelphia Building and
21 Construction Trades Council. And
22 in 2016, he was appointed Vice-
23 President of the Laborers
24 International Union of North

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2 America, bringing his Philadelphia
3 rooted leadership to a union
4 representing working people
5 throughout the United States and
6 Canada; and

7 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

8 Whereas, his service to
9 Philadelphia has reached far beyond
10 the Union Hall, including
11 leadership and service with
12 organizations concerned with
13 workforce development, housing,
14 education, African American labor
15 leadership and the well-being of
16 Philadelphia's communities, and in
17 2018 the Council of the City of
18 Philadelphia approved his
19 appointment to the Board of
20 Commissioners for the Philadelphia
21 Housing Authority; and

22 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

23 Whereas, Samuel Staten, Jr. has
24 made the preparation of the next

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2 generation of workers a central
3 part of his legacy, championing
4 training and apprenticeship
5 opportunities and founding the
6 Samuel Staten Sr.
7 Pre-Apprenticeship Program to
8 introduce Philadelphians to family-
9 sustaining careers in the skilled
10 trades and provide young people
11 with pathways forward towards
12 economic security, professional
13 development and lifelong
14 opportunity; and

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

16 Whereas, in recognition of his
17 decades of leadership and
18 commitment to developing skilled
19 workers, Laborers' Local 332 named
20 its new training facility the
21 Samuel Staten Jr. Building in 2021,
22 ensuring that generations of
23 laborers will enter their
24 profession in a place bearing the

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2 name of a man who devoted his life
3 to strengthening their union, their
4 craft, and their possibilities; and

5 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

6 Whereas, for more than five
7 decades, Samuel Staten, Jr. has
8 demonstrated a steadfast commitment
9 to the principle that working
10 people deserve dignity,
11 opportunity, representation, and a
12 meaningful stake in the prosperity
13 of the City they helped build. And
14 his leadership has strengthened
15 Philadelphia's labor movement while
16 opening doors for countless workers
17 and families; now, therefore, be it

18 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

19 Resolved, by the Council of the
20 City of Philadelphia, that the 1400
21 block of Thompson Street shall also
22 be named "Samuel Staten Jr. Way" in
23 honor of Samuel Staten, Jr. and his
24 more than five decades of

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2 distinguished service, leadership
3 and commitment to organized labor,
4 working families, workforce
5 opportunities and the City of
6 Philadelphia.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
10 Mr. Sam Staten, Jr.

11 MR. STATEN: Yep, got to
12 make sure my better half is right
13 here next to me because she is the
14 spoke in my wheels for sure.
15 First, I want to say God is good.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: All the time.

18 MR. STATEN: To my
19 Honorable Mayor who is my sister,
20 to my City Council President
21 Kenyatta Johnson who is my brother,
22 to City Council, family and friends
23 who are my family, I want to thank
24 you for this honor. My family,

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2 thank you for this honor.

3 I tell you, I try to
4 live by my word. I'm going to say
5 that again. I try to live by my
6 word. What I found out in this
7 world, your word means everything.
8 It comes along with trust. It
9 comes along with love. It comes
10 along with dedication. I wasn't
11 always an angel. But God spared
12 me. Gave me a second chance.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. STATEN: And I've
15 been committed to giving young men
16 and women a second chance because
17 for a long time they were
18 throwaways. People didn't care
19 until how they've been treated.
20 But God touched me. And as bad as
21 I was, he said, I got a plan for
22 you. I got a mission for you. And
23 I've been on that mission ever
24 since, to try to save every young

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2 gentleman, every young woman that
3 want a second chance at life.

4 Today is really special,
5 really, really special, because
6 it's my dad's birthday.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. STATEN: And I know
9 he is smiling down on me. He truly
10 blessed me with the opportunity
11 because I tell you, every father
12 would have threw me away a long
13 time ago, that's how bad I was.
14 But again, when you have to try to
15 do the right thing, God holding you
16 up. I just want to say to City
17 Council that our young people need
18 help.

19 Just last night if we
20 could just take a moment of silence
21 for the 83-year-old woman that got
22 shot last night on her porch. I
23 mean, you spend your life working
24 and you retire and you can't even

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2 sit on your porch to enjoy life.

3 Something's wrong with that. But

4 guess what, it's all our fault

5 because we're not taking charge of

6 our neighborhoods.

7 Like when I was small,

8 there was a lot of going on, the

9 gambling. They wouldn't let you

10 see it until you get away from it.

11 And that's when neighbors were

12 neighbors. We got to bring the

13 neighbors back to the hood because

14 that's the control we need. Men

15 got to stand up. You're living in

16 a situation you know it ain't cool.

17 And you make it sound like it's not

18 your problem. It is your problem.

19 In most cases, you created some of

20 the problem. So we need to stand

21 up and make our Mayor and the City

22 Council have a better way of

23 producing for our young people, our

24 communities in our neighborhood, to

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2 make Philadelphia be what it can
3 be, the greatest city in this
4 nation.

5 We got a lot of hard
6 workers and sometimes we're not
7 working on the same page. Got to
8 get on the same page. We got to
9 put trades back in our schools so
10 our young people, all of them, will
11 have opportunity. Not just special
12 schools. All schools should have
13 the trades. And what I'm saying to
14 you, if we don't do this every time
15 a 12th grader graduate don't have a
16 job, they don't have college, you
17 send them straight to the street to
18 create havoc.

19 All guys on the corner
20 is not bad guys. They need
21 opportunity. They have a family to
22 take care of. So when they stick
23 somebody up, it's not because they
24 want to. They may have to bring

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2 some money and food in the house
3 and willing to sacrifice themselves
4 to go to jail for their family.
5 That shouldn't be the philosophy
6 that we know. We have a better
7 Philadelphia and we can do much,
8 much better. We got to work
9 together.

10 This Council, our Mayor,
11 put people first, put community
12 first and you're going to get the
13 best results from that. When
14 people start turning over, doing
15 the right thing, the killings stop.
16 Our kids are getting a better
17 education. As long as God gave me
18 strength and breath, I'll be here
19 to fight the fight. Even if I
20 retire, I plan on fighting the
21 fight because our young people need
22 that guidance. They need some
23 heroes and sheroes, because right
24 now they're working on air because

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2 we're not supporting like we
3 should.

4 So again, I want to
5 thank Council for the opportunity.
6 I want to thank Councilman Jeffrey
7 for the opportunity to have my name
8 on the street that I know will be
9 there forever. I purposely put
10 that school on Broad Street or we,
11 our Council, Mr. Esteban, if he's
12 still here, put that school on
13 Broad Street to bring the school to
14 the community.

15 Because the one we have
16 out Exton is kind of far, it's
17 still there. It's going to serve
18 Exton. But, Philadelphia, we want
19 us to take advantage of the
20 training school for our young
21 people. So again, thank the
22 Council, thank the Mayor. God
23 bless.

24 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: The next order of

7 business is communications. The

8 Chair requests that the Sergeant-at

9 Arms deliver the messages from the

10 Mayor to the Chief Clerk.

11 Will the Chief Clerk

12 please read the messages from the

13 Mayor and any other communications

14 in his possession.

15 THE CLERK: To the

16 President, the members of the

17 Council of the City of

18 Philadelphia, I'm transmitting for

19 the consideration of your Honorable

20 body the following proposed: A

21 resolution authorizing the

22 Philadelphia Land Bank to dispose

23 of 2751 Kensington Avenue located

24 in the 1st Councilmanic District in

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

5 A resolution authorizing
6 the Commissioner of Public Property
7 to execute and deliver to the
8 Philadelphia Redevelopment
9 Authority deeds conveying fee
10 simple title to 1808, 1809, 1810,
11 1812, 1819 North Bailey Street,
12 2611 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 2438,
13 2442, 2456, 2648, 2651 North
14 Corlies Street, 1816, 1838, 1839,
15 1841, 1843, 1845, 1848, 1851, 1861,
16 1862, 1866 North Etting Street,
17 2519, 2600, 2611, 3019, 3021, 3027,
18 3029, 3031, 3039 West Oakdale
19 Street, 2423, 2425, 2437, 2446,
20 2501, 2504, 2506, 2513, 2516, 2517,
21 2526, 2539, 2556 North Stanley
22 Street, 1726 North 26th Street,
23 1735, 1747 N. 27th Street in the
24 5th Councilmanic District of the

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

9 A resolution authorizing
10 the Philadelphia Redevelopment
11 Authority to execute and deliver to
12 the Philadelphia Land Bank a deed
13 conveying title to 1811 West Stiles
14 Street, located in the 5th
15 Councilmanic District, pursuant to
16 the requirements of the
17 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

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 1412 West
24 Clearfield Street, 1709, 1711, 1713

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2 West Lippincott Street, 2935 North
3 Hicks Street, 2941 North Sydenham
4 Street, 3152, 3156, 3157 North
5 Carlisle Street, 3110, 3116 North
6 Rosewood Street, 3131 North
7 Chadwick Street, 3127 North
8 Bancroft Street, 3106, 3141 North
9 15th Street, 3035 North 16th Street
10 in the 8th Councilmanic District of
11 the City of Philadelphia and
12 further authorizing the
13 Philadelphia Redevelopment
14 Authority to transfer to the
15 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
16 title to such properties pursuant
17 to Section 16-405 of the
18 Philadelphia Code.

19 And I am pleased to
20 advise you that on September 30,
21 2026, I signed the following bill
22 which was passed by Council at its
23 session on September 17, 2026:
24 Bill No. 260381.

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2 There are no further
3 communications in my possession,
4 Council President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. The
7 messages will be printed in the
8 Journal.

9 The Chair recognizes
10 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

11 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Good
12 morning, Mr. President.

13 Again, I wanted to
14 recognize former 5th District
15 Councilmember and former Mayor John
16 F. Street, who was in our chambers.
17 I no longer see Mayor Street, but I
18 wanted to make sure you recognize
19 him when he comes back in here.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

23 Councilmember Isaiah
24 Thomas.

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2 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
3 morning, Council President. I
4 apologize for being tardy.
5 Philadelphia knows how much you
6 don't like that.

7 But I did want to, on
8 your behalf, say welcome to
9 Philadelphia Soccer 2026. And
10 thank you for your leadership as it
11 relates to recognizing them today.
12 And give a special shout-out to the
13 Executive Director Meg Kane, who
14 also worked closely with my office
15 through the planning process, and
16 also to Dale Hilferty and Michelle
17 Singer and everybody else who
18 worked across two districts to put
19 us in a position to have six games
20 at the Linc Fest, over 39 days Fan
21 Fest and a lot of great things, not
22 just across the city, but
23 especially in the 2nd Councilmanic
24 District.

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2 So, Council President,
3 thank you for your leadership.
4 Welcome to our special guests. And
5 thank you for being a big part of a
6 great celebration in 2026.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, my
10 friend. Thank you very much.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. And thank you,
15 Member Thomas, for the
16 acknowledgement of the wonderful
17 summer we had enjoying football as
18 opposed to American soccer.

19 I would also like to say
20 that in addition, Lemon Hill.
21 Lemon Hill was the site of a lot of
22 Fan Fest activities, but more
23 importantly, long after the
24 football games are done.

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2 Commissioner Slawson has committed
3 to putting in one of the largest
4 outdoor centers of fields,
5 playgrounds in the city of
6 Philadelphia to be a memorial to
7 that summer of fun. And I will
8 share it, somewhat reluctantly,
9 with Jeffrey Young.

10 Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,
14 Member Jones. That's a great
15 project to share though, so I think
16 that works.

17 At this time, we will
18 have introduction of bills and
19 resolutions.

20 Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Dr. Anthony Phillips.

22 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

23 Thank you so much, Council
24 President.

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2 I have one

3 non-privileged resolution for

4 introduction today.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

7 Chief Clerk, please read

8 the title of the non-privileged

9 resolution.

10 THE CLERK: A

11 non-privileged resolution urging

12 the Philadelphia Department of

13 Public Health, Department of

14 Licenses and Inspections,

15 Department of Sanitation and other

16 appropriate city agencies to

17 immediately prioritize and

18 coordinate efforts to address the

19 growing rodent infestation in the

20 Lower Northeast section of

21 Philadelphia, and to treat current

22 conditions as an urgent public

23 health and quality-of-life

24 emergency requiring immediate City

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2 action.

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 the Council.

8 Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Majority Leader
10 Katherine Gilmore Richardson.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
13 Mr. President.

14 Today I offer two
15 resolutions, one privileged
16 resolution and one non-privileged
17 resolution on your behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read
21 the resolutions.

22 THE CLERK: A
23 non-privileged resolution
24 confirming the appointment of

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2 Monique Myatt Galloway, Esq., as
3 the City Solicitor.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
6 placed on the Final Passage
7 Calendar.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
12 referred to the appropriate
13 committee.

14 THE CLERK: And a
15 privileged resolution honoring and
16 congratulating the Independence
17 Blue Cross Foundation on the
18 occasion of its 15th anniversary.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

23 The Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

3 Good morning, Council President.

4 Today I have one
5 non-privileged resolution, one bill
6 and two bills on your behalf.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

9 Chief Clerk, please read
10 the titles of the bills and
11 resolutions.

12 THE CLERK: An ordinance
13 authorizing the Sanitation
14 Commissioner and Procurement
15 Commissioner, on behalf of the City
16 of Philadelphia, to enter into
17 agreements for the collection,
18 transfer and disposal of municipal
19 solid waste, under certain terms
20 and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: This bill will be
23 referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

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2 THE CLERK: And an
3 ordinance authorizing the
4 Sanitation Commissioner and
5 Procurement Commissioner, on behalf
6 of the City of Philadelphia, to
7 enter into agreements with several
8 vendors to process and market
9 recyclable materials, under certain
10 terms and conditions.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: This bill will be
13 referred to the appropriate
14 committee.

15 THE CLERK: An ordinance
16 to approve amendments to the
17 University of Pennsylvania Master
18 Plan in the area bounded by Walnut
19 Street, 32nd Street, South Street
20 and 33rd Street related to the
21 David Rittenhouse Laboratory at
22 3200 Walnut Street.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This bill will be

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2 referred to the appropriate
3 committee.

4 THE CLERK: And a
5 non-privileged resolution also
6 naming the 700 block of North 47th
7 Street as "Men of Mill Creek Way"
8 to honor the legacy and impact of
9 the Men of Mill Creek in the Mill
10 Creek community.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
12 JOHNSON: Very well done. This
13 resolution will be placed on the
14 Final Passage Calendar for
15 consideration at the next session
16 of Council.

17 And so, let me add a
18 little brevity to this Council
19 session. So I'm going to
20 acknowledge Councilmember Jeffrey
21 Jay Young. It is a little
22 different when you stand on the
23 shoulders of a giant in the spirit
24 of Cecil B. Moore to the great John

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2 F. Street. So the Chair recognizes
3 Member Jeffrey Jay Young of the 5th
4 Councilmanic District.

5 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
6 you, Mr. President.

7 And as you were saying
8 that, I'm looking at a bookmark
9 that my office created with the
10 former 5th District Councilmembers,
11 and it reads, History lives on.
12 When we read and have pictures of
13 all the former 5th District
14 Councilmembers, myself, Council
15 President Darrell Clarke, Mayor
16 John Street, the Honorable Cecil B.
17 Moore, Ethel Allen, the first Black
18 woman Councilmember of City
19 Council, you know, Councilmember
20 Thomas McIntosh and of course,
21 Raymond Pace Alexander, the first
22 African American on Philadelphia
23 City Council, the first African
24 American Judge in the Court of

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2 Common Pleas in Pennsylvania, so
3 when you think about 5th District
4 Councilmembers, right, that's the
5 legacy that we have to live up to
6 in 5th District Councilmembers.

7 And I want to honor and
8 recognize former 5th District
9 Councilmember and Mayor, someone
10 whose administration I've been a
11 part of since I was 17 years old,
12 learning and understanding how to
13 really make this city the best city
14 it can be. So I really want to
15 honor Mayor John F. Street here
16 this morning for being with us
17 today. Mayor Street.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Always a pleasure to see
21 Mayor Street. We appreciate you,
22 sir. He still continues to serve
23 to this day.

24 Councilmember Isaiah

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2 Thomas.

3 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good
4 morning again, Council President.
5 Good morning, colleagues and
6 Philadelphia.

7 Today I have one
8 resolution on your behalf, Council
9 President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you
12 very much.

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

15 THE CLERK: A privileged
16 resolution congratulating Daniel
17 Hilferty, Michelle Singer, the
18 Board of Directors and the entire
19 Philadelphia Soccer 2026 team for
20 their successful planning and
21 execution of the 2026 FIFA World
22 Cup in Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

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2 placed on today's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Curtis Jones.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank
7 you, Mr. President, colleagues and
8 the listening audience.

9 Today I offer one bill,
10 one privileged and one
11 non-privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,
14 Member Jones.

15 Chief Clerk, please read
16 the titles of the bill and
17 resolutions.

18 THE CLERK: An ordinance
19 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning
20 Maps by changing the zoning
21 designations of certain areas of
22 land located within an area bounded
23 by Lancaster Avenue, 62nd Street,
24 Lebanon Avenue, 63rd Street and

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2 Malvern Avenue.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: This bill will be
5 referred to the appropriate
6 committee.

7 THE CLERK: And a
8 privileged resolution recognizing
9 October 5, 2026, through October 9,
10 2026, as the City of Philadelphia's
11 Maximizing Economic Development
12 (MED) Week: Celebrating Small and
13 Local Businesses, a focused week of
14 programming providing small and
15 local businesses throughout
16 Philadelphia's neighborhoods and
17 commercial corridors with access to
18 key information and resources.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
21 placed on today's Final Passage
22 Calendar. Very well done, Member
23 Jones.

24 Continue, Chief Clerk.

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2 THE CLERK: And a
3 non-privileged resolution renaming
4 the 5200 block of Lancaster Avenue
5 as "Sharif El-Mekki Way" to honor
6 Sharif El-Mekki and his decades of
7 distinguished service to
8 Philadelphia's students, educators,
9 schools, and communities.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

15 The Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Rue Landau.

17 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

18 Good morning again, Council
19 President. Thank you.

20 Today I have four
21 privileged resolutions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

24 Chief Clerk, please read

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2 the titles of the resolutions.

3 THE CLERK: A privileged
4 resolution recognizing National
5 Coming Out Day on October 11, 2026
6 in the City of Philadelphia.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

11 THE CLERK: And a
12 privileged resolution recognizing
13 October 2026 as LGBTQ+ History
14 Month in the City of Philadelphia
15 and honoring the activists,
16 advocates, and members of the
17 LGBTQ+ community who continue to
18 fight for civil rights and
19 equality.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

24 THE CLERK: And a

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2 privileged resolution recognizing
3 October 4 through the 10, 2026 as
4 Digital Inclusion Week in the City
5 of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 THE CLERK: And a
11 privileged resolution recognizing
12 October 2026 as Cybersecurity
13 Awareness Month in the City of
14 Philadelphia, and acknowledging the
15 importance of empowering
16 individuals and organizations to
17 prevent and recognize online
18 threats, providing resources to
19 protect sensitive data and
20 fostering a culture of digital
21 safety by educating the public on
22 best practices.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: This resolution will be

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2 placed on today's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 Chair recognizes
5 Councilmember Quetcy Lozada.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:
7 Thank you, Council President.

8 Good morning, everyone.
9 I have nothing today.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

12 Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

14 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
15 you, Mr. President.

16 Today I have three
17 bills, two privileged resolutions,
18 and one non-privileged resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

24 THE CLERK: An ordinance

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2 authorizing various encroachments
3 in the vicinity of 1849 Walnut
4 Street, Philadelphia PA, 19103,
5 under certain terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: This bill will be
8 referred to the appropriate
9 Committee.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance
11 renaming the Penrose Recreation
12 Center to the "Shirley M. Kitchen
13 Recreation Center" to honor the
14 life and legacy of Shirley Kitchen,
15 a pioneering public servant and
16 civic leader with an immeasurable
17 impact on the Greater North
18 Philadelphia community.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Very well done, Member
21 Young.

22 This bill will be
23 referred to the appropriate
24 committee.

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2 THE CLERK: And an

3 ordinance authorizing the

4 Commissioner of Parks and

5 Recreation, on behalf of the City

6 of Philadelphia, to enter into a

7 multi-year agreement with Broad

8 Street Love Park, LLC for the

9 design, construction, management

10 and operation of a food and

11 beverage concession at the Welcome

12 Center Building ("Saucer") in Love

13 Park, all under certain terms and

14 conditions.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: This bill will be

17 referred to the appropriate

18 committee.

19 THE CLERK: And a

20 privileged resolution honoring and

21 recognizing Lieutenant Gregory A.

22 Brown, Sr., on the occasion of his

23 retirement from the Philadelphia

24 Police Department and commending

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2 him for 40 years of exemplary
3 public service.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

8 THE CLERK: And a
9 non-privileged resolution
10 authorizing the Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Authority to execute
12 and deliver to the Philadelphia
13 Land Bank a deed conveying title to
14 1811 West Stiles Street located in
15 the 5th Councilmanic District,
16 pursuant to the requirements of the
17 Commonwealth Land Bank Act.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
20 placed on today's Final Passage
21 Calendar next week -- this
22 resolution will be placed on the
23 Final Passage Calendar for
24 consideration at the next session

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2 of Council.

3 THE CLERK: And a
4 non-privileged resolution
5 authorizing the Commissioner of
6 Public Property to execute and
7 deliver to the Philadelphia
8 Redevelopment Authority deeds
9 conveying fee simple title to 1808,
10 1809, 1810, 1812, 1819 N. Bailey
11 Street, 2611 Cecil B. Moore Avenue,
12 2438, 2442, 2456, 2648, 2651 N.
13 Corlies Street, 1816, 1838, 1839,
14 1841, 1843, 1845, 1848, 1851, 1861,
15 1862, 1866 N. Etting Street, 2519,
16 2600, 2611, 3019, 3021, 3027, 3029,
17 3031, 3039 W. Oakdale Street, 2423,
18 2425, 2437, 2446, 2501, 2504, 2506,
19 2513, 2516, 2517, 2526, 2539, 2556
20 N. Stanley Street, 1726 N. 26th
21 Street, 1735, 1747 N. 27th Street
22 in the 5th Councilmanic District of
23 the City of Philadelphia and
24 further authorizing the

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2 Philadelphia Redevelopment
3 Authority to transfer to the
4 Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple
5 title to such properties pursuant
6 to Section 16-405 of The
7 Philadelphia Code.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 I have several
14 resolutions on behalf of Member
15 Brooks that will be introduced by
16 member Nicolas O'Rourke.

17 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

18 Thank you, Council President.

19 I am introducing one
20 privileged resolution and one
21 non-privileged resolution on Leader
22 Brooks behalf today.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

4 THE CLERK: A privileged
5 resolution honoring, commending,
6 and congratulating Marni Gangel on
7 the occasion of her retirement from
8 the Defender Association of
9 Philadelphia, celebrating her
10 extraordinary career and enduring
11 commitment to justice, reproductive
12 rights, and the children and
13 families of our city.

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

18 THE CLERK: And a
19 privileged resolution recognizing
20 October 12, 2026, as "Indigenous
21 Peoples Day" in the City of
22 Philadelphia, honoring and
23 commemorating the achievements,
24 traditions and contributions of

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2 American Indians, also known as
3 "Indigenous peoples"; and affirming
4 the city's commitment to historical
5 truth, cultural respect, education
6 and partnership with Indigenous
7 communities.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 Chair recognizes Member
13 Harrity.

14 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

15 Thank you, Council President.

16 I have no bills or
17 resolutions today.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

22 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

23 Thank you, Council President.

24 I have one

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2 non-privileged resolution to

3 introduce today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much, sir.

6 Chief Clerk, please read

7 the title of the resolution.

8 Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: In the meanwhile, Go

12 Phillies.

13 THE CLERK: This is

14 privileged.

15 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

16 Yes.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Please resume.

19 THE CLERK: Is that

20 okay --

21 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

22 Can it be (inaudible)?

23 THE CLERK: He can hold

24 it for next week. You can hold it

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2 for -- I can introduce it now and
3 you can hold it for passage next
4 week. Let's do that.

5 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

6 Okay. I will request that we hold
7 it for next week.

8 THE CLERK: I'm going to
9 read the title.

10 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

11 Okay.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Chief Clerk, please
14 resume.

15 THE CLERK: A privileged
16 resolution honoring the Citywide
17 Tenant Union of the Philadelphia
18 Democratic Socialists of America
19 and tenants, tenant leaders, and
20 tenant organizers at the Emerson
21 and Florence Gardens, who are
22 organizing to end rental junk fees
23 and secure basic tenants' rights
24 and protections in the City of

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2 Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

5 This will be held until next week.

6 Chair recognizes

7 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

8 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

9 Good morning, Mr. President.

10 Nothing today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,

13 Chair recognizes

14 Councilmember Brian O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

16 Thank you, Mr. President.

17 I have no bills and
18 resolutions.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

21 Chair recognizes

22 Councilmember Mark Squilla.

23 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:

24 Thank you, Mr. President.

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2 I have two

3 non-privileged resolutions and one

4 bill.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

7 Chief Clerk, please read

8 the titles of the bill and

9 resolutions please.

10 THE CLERK: An ordinance

11 to amend the Philadelphia Zoning

12 Maps by changing the zoning

13 designations of certain areas of

14 land located within an area bounded

15 by Lehigh Avenue, Belgrade Street,

16 Aramingo Avenue and Miller Street.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: This bill will be

19 referred to the appropriate

20 committee.

21 THE CLERK: And a

22 non-privileged resolution

23 authorizing the Philadelphia Land

24 Bank to dispose of 2751 Kensington

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2 Avenue located in the 1st

3 Councilmanic District in accordance

4 with the terms of Chapter 16-700 of

5 The Philadelphia Code.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

8 (Council at ease.)

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 THE CLERK: And a

15 non-privileged resolution

16 designating the week of Sunday,

17 October 11 through Saturday,

18 October 17, 2026, as "Italian

19 American Heritage Week" in the City

20 of Philadelphia. This is done in

21 celebration of the countless

22 contributions Italian Americans

23 have given to our country and

24 honoring Bob Pantano as Grand

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2 Marshall of the 2026 Philadelphia

3 Italian American Heritage Parade.

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. Well

9 done, Member Squilla. It's a South

10 Philly thing.

11 The Chair now recognizes

12 Councilwoman Cindy Bass.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

14 Thank you, Mr. President.

15 I offer one bill and

16 three privileged resolutions on

17 your behalf.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Chief Clerk, please read

21 the titles of the bill and

22 resolutions.

23 THE CLERK: An ordinance

24 authorizing the revision of lines

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2 and grades on a portion of City
3 Plan No. 149 by striking from the
4 City Plan and vacating the legally
5 open portion of Hartwell Lane from
6 Seminole Street to its terminus
7 southwestwardly therefrom and
8 reserving and placing on the City
9 Plan a right of way for water main
10 purposes and public utility
11 purposes within the lines of the
12 portion of Hartwell Lane being
13 stricken and authorizing acceptance
14 of the grant to the City of the
15 said right-of-way, under certain
16 terms and conditions.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

21 THE CLERK: And a
22 privileged resolution honoring the
23 Black Brain Campaign for a decade
24 of dedicated work to destigmatize

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1 10/1/26 - STATED - INTRO. OF BILLS
2 mental health in Black communities
3 by providing mental health services
4 and culturally competent training
5 for clinicians.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

10 THE CLERK: And a
11 privileged resolution celebrating
12 the 50th Anniversary of the
13 Philadelphia Police Department's
14 "Women in Patrol" and honoring five
15 decades of women's service and
16 leadership in law enforcement.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

21 THE CLERK: And a
22 privileged resolution recognizing
23 and honoring the National Council
24 of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) for its

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2 unwavering commitment to empowering
3 women, strengthening families,
4 advancing educational and economic
5 opportunities, promoting health
6 equity, advocating for social
7 justice, and uplifting communities

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Outstanding organization.
10 Very well done, Member Bass.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Dr. Nina Ahmad.

13 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

14 Thank you, Council President.

15 I'm introducing four
16 privileged resolutions, one of
17 which is on your behalf and one is
18 being co-introduced with
19 Councilmember Jones.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

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

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2 THE CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution recognizing October 2026
4 as National Breast Cancer Awareness
5 Month in the City of Philadelphia
6 and honoring survivors, advocates
7 and all those affected by breast
8 cancer.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

13 THE CLERK: And a
14 privileged resolution recognizing
15 October 2026 as Vision Awareness
16 Month in the City of Philadelphia
17 and honoring Overbrook School for
18 the Blind's leadership and
19 advancing education, technology and
20 access for individuals who are
21 blind or visually impaired.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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2 Calendar. Member Jones has done a
3 significant amount of work with
4 that school, so very well done,
5 Dr. Ahmad, advocating for those who
6 have vision disabilities.

7 THE CLERK: And a
8 privileged resolution authorizing
9 the Committee on Public Health and
10 Human Services to hold hearings to
11 investigate the impacts of
12 reductions to Medicaid coverage
13 under H.R. 1 on Philadelphia
14 residents, our healthcare
15 providers, and service
16 organizations, and to examine the
17 City of Philadelphia's strategy and
18 preparedness to address those
19 impacts.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
21 JOHNSON: This resolution will be
22 placed on today's Final Passage
23 Calendar.

24 THE CLERK: And a

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2 privileged resolution recognizing
3 October 2026 as Menopause Awareness
4 Month in the City of Philadelphia,
5 to affirm the importance of ending
6 the stigma and cultural silence
7 surrounding menopause, and to
8 acknowledge it as a natural
9 biological process that
10 significantly impacts the physical
11 and emotional well-being of many
12 individuals.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

17 The next order of
18 business is report from committees.
19 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
20 Cindy Bass for a report on the
21 Committee on Rules.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 The Committee on Rules

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2 reports out six bills with a
3 favorable recommendation.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,
6 Madam Chair.

7 Chief Clerk, could you
8 please read the report.

9 THE CLERK: The
10 Committee on Rules to which were
11 referred the following bills: Bill
12 No. 260342, an ordinance to amend
13 the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
14 changing the zoning designations of
15 certain areas of land located
16 within an area bound by East
17 Washington Lane, Crittenden Street,
18 East Tulpehocken Street, East
19 Haines Street and Ardleigh Street.

20 Bill No. 260343, an
21 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
22 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
23 designations of certain areas of
24 land located within an area bounded

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2 by East Washington Lane, Stenton
3 Avenue, East Haines Street and
4 Ardleigh Street.

5 Bill No. 260344, an
6 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
7 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
8 designations of certain areas of
9 land located within an area bound
10 by North 18th Street, Colonial
11 Street, North 17th Street and
12 Chelten Avenue.

13 Bill No. 260345, an
14 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
15 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
16 designations of certain areas of
17 land located within an area bounded
18 by West Seymour Street, Knox
19 Street, West Logan Street and
20 Keyser Street.

21 Bill No. 260429, an
22 ordinance to amend the Philadelphia
23 Zoning Maps by changing the zoning
24 designations of certain areas of

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2 land located within an area bounded
3 by Frankford Creek, Aramingo
4 Avenue, Butler Street and Frankford
5 Avenue.

6 Bill No. 260462 as
7 amended, an ordinance to amend the
8 Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
9 changing the zoning designations of
10 certain areas of land located
11 within an area bounded by Thompson
12 Street, 17th Street, Girard Avenue,
13 Ridge Avenue, 19th Street, Cabot
14 Street and 18th Street, and
15 amending Section 14-500 of The
16 Philadelphia Code, entitled
17 "Overlay Zoning Districts" by
18 amending Section 14-529, entitled
19 "/VDO, Fifth District Overlay
20 District," all under certain terms
21 and conditions, respectfully
22 reports it has considered the same
23 and returns the attached bills to
24 Council with a favorable

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2 recommendation.

3 There are no further
4 bills to report out from the
5 Committee on Rules, Council
6 President.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember and Chair of the
10 Rules Committee, Cindy Bass, for a
11 motion.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 I move that the rules of
15 the Committee on Rules of Council
16 be suspended to permit first
17 reading this day of the bills just
18 read into the record by the Chief
19 Clerk.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
23 properly seconded that the rules of
24 Council be suspended so as to

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2 permit the consideration of the
3 bills just read by the Chief Clerk
4 at today's session of Council.

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

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 motion carries. The bills will be
15 placed on our First Reading
16 Calendar for today.

17 The Chair now recognizes
18 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
19 a motion regarding special
20 business.

21 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
22 you, Mr. President.

23 There was a technical
24 error with prior Bill 260696

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1 10/1/26 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2 honoring Shirley Kitchen. So I
3 move that the rules of Council be
4 suspended to permit consideration
5 of special business at this time.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to
11 permit the consideration of special
12 business at this time.

13 All those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
21 motion carries.

22 The Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Young for a motion
24 regarding Bill No. 260696,

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1 10/1/26 - STATED - SPECIAL BUSINESS

2 introduced at our Stated Meeting on
3 September 17th of 2026.

4 Will the Clerk please
5 read the title of the bill.

6 THE CLERK: An ordinance
7 renaming the Penrose Recreation
8 Center to the "Shirley M. Kitchen
9 Recreation Center" to honor the
10 life and legacy of Shirley Kitchen,
11 a pioneering public servant and
12 civic leader with an immeasurable
13 impact on the Greater North
14 Philadelphia community. Introduced
15 by Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

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

21 I move that Bill No.
22 260696 be withdrawn.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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1 10/1/26 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING

2 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that Bill No.
4 260696 be withdrawn.

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

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 motion carries. And Bill No.
15 260696 has been withdrawn.

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

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1 10/1/26 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 session of Council.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
5 Richardson for a motion concerning
6 bills on the First Reading
7 Calendar, resolutions on the Final
8 Passage Calendar and bills on the
9 Second Reading and Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
12 RICHARDSON: Thank you,
13 Mr. President.

14 The following bill on
15 the First Reading Calendar is being
16 held: Bill No. 260298.

17 The following
18 resolutions are being called up
19 from the Second Reading -- from the
20 Final Passage Calendar. And the
21 following bills are being called up
22 from the Second Reading and Final
23 Passage Calendar today: Resolution
24 Nos. 260741, 260767, 260770,

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2 260774, 260779 and 260780.

3 The following

4 resolutions and bills on the

5 Calendar are being held: 260769,

6 250768, 250807 and 260076.

7 Resolution No. 260766 is being

8 amended.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Before considering these
11 resolutions and bills, we would
12 consider public comment as follows:

13 Your public comment must concern
14 matters on the Second Reading and
15 Final Passage Calendars for
16 possible action in today's Council
17 session. All speakers must sign up
18 in order to testify.

19 If you're not already
20 signed up for today's Council
21 session, please do so now by giving
22 your name to Ms. Hasson at the
23 table outside the rails to my left.
24 Once you have signed up, you will

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2 be called in the order in which
3 your name appears on the sign-up
4 sheet.

5 Under ideal
6 circumstances, public commenters
7 each will have three minutes to
8 speak. However, this time limit
9 may vary from session to session.
10 Today the time limit will be two
11 minutes. In order to be fair to
12 all those wishing to speak, I
13 intend to hold faithfully to the
14 two-minute limit.

15 When you begin speaking,
16 you will see a green light on the
17 podium. When there are 30 seconds
18 remaining to your time, the light
19 will turn yellow, which is your
20 reminder to conclude your remarks.
21 Once two minutes have passed, the
22 light will turn red and the
23 Sergeant-at-Arms will disconnect
24 the microphone. At that point,

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2 please yield the podium to the next
3 speaker if you have not already
4 done so. I also reserve the right,
5 pursuant to our rules of City
6 Council, to limit repetitious
7 comments on the very same subject
8 matter.

9 I will now ask the Chief
10 Clerk to please read the speakers
11 for public comment today.

12 THE CLERK: Former Mayor
13 John Street, Mayor Erica Deuso,
14 James Meredith, former Police
15 Commissioner Sylvester Johnson,
16 Stephen Clerk, Crash Investigation.
17 Division Captain, Loree Jones
18 Brown, Jeremy Blatstein, William
19 Small, John McAuley, Lynn Landes
20 and Jonathan Latko, please make
21 your way to the podium.

22 (Witnesses approached
23 podium.)

24 MAYOR STREET: Good

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2 morning. To God be the glory.

3 Great things he has done so loved
4 the world that he gave us his son.

5 And as always, I promise to be
6 brief no matter how long it takes.

7 You could do better than that.

8 I promise to be brief no
9 matter how long it takes. Oh, all
10 right. We got to come alive,
11 people. Come alive, you know, come
12 alive.

13 (Applause.)

14 MAYOR STREET:

15 Mr. President, members of City
16 Council, Council staff, those
17 people who do the hard work of
18 running the city -- can I see the
19 hands of anybody here that does
20 constituent service?

21 (Hands raised.)

22 MAYOR STREET:

23 Constituent service, you hear me.

24 Constituent service. I don't want

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2 anybody to think that constituent
3 service is one of them low jobs.
4 It is the most important thing we
5 do take care of the problems of our
6 people, because too often you are
7 their last resort. They can't get
8 any help and then they call you.

9 And a lot of times if we
10 don't get it done for them, it just
11 doesn't happen. And I thank you
12 for that work. Now, today, we are
13 here to honor a person that I have
14 the privilege of knowing for a
15 while, and I call him Brother
16 Brown. He was on my security force
17 for the entire time I was mayor.
18 And I have to thank Commissioner
19 Johnson for pulling him out of the
20 police department and putting him
21 on the staff.

22 And it was interesting
23 because Greg Brown was one of those
24 kind of people who always got it

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2 right. He was always on time. He
3 always used the right language. He
4 always dressed right. He was what
5 I consider to be an exemplary
6 employee. If anybody ever asked
7 me, well, did he ever make a
8 mistake, did he ever do anything
9 wrong? I can't think of anything.
10 Not one thing.

11 I mean, we, as you all
12 know, encountered some really
13 interesting and challenging and
14 sometimes threatening situations.
15 And he was always there, always on
16 the case. And I had this unique
17 management approach to my staff.
18 It was called management by
19 humiliation. If you made a
20 mistake, I didn't dock anybody's
21 pay. I didn't fire anybody. I
22 didn't, you know, do a lot of that.
23 I would just tell everybody. We
24 had cell phones. I would tell

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2 everybody. I had a list of about
3 50 people. And if you did
4 something stupid, I would tell
5 everybody.

6 One time a guy did
7 something really, really, really,
8 really bad. And he said, please,
9 Mr. Mayor, don't tell anybody. I
10 said, I got to tell. He said, dock
11 my pay. I said, that hurts your
12 wife and the children, I got to
13 tell. And in all the years I never
14 had a chance to say anything about
15 him. I never got a chance to put
16 him on any list.

17 When I was a council
18 president, I had the wall of shame.
19 You do something -- sometimes they
20 would send out a letter and it was
21 really messed up. I'd put it on
22 the wall of shame right in the
23 clerk's office. You will come in.
24 The first thing they do is see,

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2 well, let me look at the wall of
3 shame and see what's happening here
4 today. But I got him once. Got
5 him once.

6 Now, you remember we
7 used to -- Mr. President, can I
8 have a presidential moment here?
9 I'm begging for a presidential
10 moment because I know my time is
11 long up, my time is long up. And
12 I'm telling you, he was that way.
13 So you might remember that we rode
14 a lot of bikes. We did the bike
15 thing and I rode. I'm riding the
16 bike and I was over 20 years older
17 than everybody that was on my
18 staff. And I sometimes would
19 pretend, but I would have a hard
20 time keeping up.

21 So Brown, no problem.
22 So one day we were going to do the
23 Atlantic City bike ride because I
24 figured I can work some exercise

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2 into this thing. And I knew I was
3 going to have Brown and all my
4 staff and they were going to be
5 riding these bikes. So I said, I'm
6 beating them today. So a month
7 before the ride, I put a 20-pound
8 weight vest in the back of my bike,
9 so that I was riding around, they
10 didn't know that I was training.

11 And then on the day of
12 the ride, you know how when you're
13 riding, you're drinking water and
14 stuff, I didn't put any water in my
15 little thing, I put ice. So when
16 we came to the first rest stop,
17 guess what I did? Right on through
18 the rest stop. 1 or 2 of them
19 peeled off.

20 Came to the second rest
21 stop, you know what I did? Right
22 on through the rest stop. They all
23 had to stop to use the bathroom.
24 And you know what? They never

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2 caught up. Only time I can
3 remember finishing anything before
4 Brother Brown. And guess what, I
5 have the picture that I'm going to
6 make available to him.

7 But in all sincerity,
8 members of the police department,
9 members of the Mayor's security
10 team, the people who come here to
11 provide security for the members of
12 City Council and for the staff,
13 they have a hard job. And I am
14 telling you that I am loaded with
15 appreciation for the work that Greg
16 Brown did when he was a part of our
17 staff. And I want to thank
18 everybody here for recognizing
19 that. Because all too often when
20 you make a mistake, you get put
21 down. When you do the right thing,
22 nobody says anything and everybody
23 takes it for granted.

24 But today we are

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2 recognizing the work of a person
3 who was in the police department
4 and on my staff I think for
5 somewhere around 40 years, and
6 that's a long time. That's a life
7 of service. But the thing that he
8 did that made the biggest statement
9 that anybody could make was he
10 picked Loree Jones to be his wife.
11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR DEUSO: How do I
14 follow that? Thank you,
15 Mr. President. Thank you to
16 Councilwoman Landau and to all of
17 City Council for welcoming me. I'm
18 honored to join you in recognizing
19 LGBTQ History Month and National
20 Coming Out Day. I'm Erica Deuso,
21 Mayor of Downingtown in the heart
22 of Chester County.

23 And as Councilwoman
24 Landau said earlier, I am

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2 Pennsylvania's first openly
3 transgender mayor and the country's
4 only serving elected transgender
5 mayor. I recently received
6 Equality Forum's Frank Kameny
7 Award, and I'm proud to join
8 Councilwoman Landau as a fellow
9 recipient.

10 That recognition carries
11 a responsibility to continue the
12 work of those who fought for our
13 right to live openly. Their
14 courage helped make it possible for
15 me to stand before you as an
16 elected official. I knew who I was
17 at 4 years old, but I, myself, came
18 out at 29. Coming out has no age
19 limit. People take that step
20 throughout their lives, often
21 uncertain about what that might
22 cost them.

23 Everyone deserves to
24 make that decision in their own

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2 time and support and care for their
3 safety. Being transgender has
4 shaped how I listen and serve. I
5 know what it feels like to wonder
6 whether you'll be accepted. And I
7 bring that understanding to every
8 neighbor who asks for help. LGBTQ
9 people deserve to live openly, work
10 and grow older without their
11 government treating their existence
12 as a problem to solve.

13 These resolutions affirm
14 that we belong in our communities
15 and in public service and I would
16 love to welcome you to mine.
17 Downingtown's Fall Festival is this
18 Sunday from 11:00 to 4:00, just a
19 train ride from Philadelphia on the
20 Paoli-Thorndale Line, which some of
21 you might remember as the R5. Come
22 spend an afternoon with us and our
23 good neighbor community. Thank you
24 for having me. I'm proud to be a

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2 first and I intend to help make
3 sure I'm far from being the last.
4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. MEREDITH: Good
7 morning, President Johnson and
8 members of City Council. Thank you
9 for your time today. My name is
10 Jim Meredith and I'm the President,
11 a proud alum of Father Jones High
12 School in Northeast Philadelphia.
13 I'm here on behalf of the Father's
14 community to express our
15 enthusiastic support for Resolution
16 No. 260780, the street renaming of
17 the 3300 block of South Avenue in
18 memory of the 27 Father graduates
19 who made the ultimate sacrifice in
20 service to our country during the
21 Vietnam War.

22 The Roman poet Virgil
23 wrote, No day shall erase you from
24 memory of time. At Judge, we honor

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2 our 27 and never erase their
3 memory. For our students, many of
4 whom only know the Vietnam War as
5 history, the memorial to our 27 at
6 the entrance of our school on Solly
7 Avenue stands as a tribute to their
8 sacrifice and a reminder of their
9 heroism.

10 Our current students
11 know these heroes as Judge guys.
12 They walk the same halls, learning
13 the same classrooms and competed on
14 the same courts and fields. Our 27
15 graduates who lost their lives in a
16 distant land grew up in many of the
17 same Northeast Philadelphia
18 neighborhoods as our current Judge
19 guys, Holmesburg, Holme Circle,
20 Mayfair, Oxford Circle, Pennypack
21 Woods, Summerdale, Tacony and
22 Torresdale.

23 Their daily paths from
24 homes to Judge began on many of the

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2 same Philadelphia streets our
3 students travel today, Magee
4 Street, Oakmont, Aubrey Avenue,
5 Ditman, St. Vincent Street, Jackson
6 Street, Tyson Avenue, Roosevelt
7 Boulevard, Marigold Place. The
8 connection between generations is
9 so important.

10 Our students learn it.
11 Even after graduation, our 27
12 carried with them what they were
13 taught at Judge, including the call
14 of our patron Saint Francis de
15 Sales, Be who you are and be that
16 well. Our 27, for these words
17 meant something serving their
18 country. They were called to
19 serve. Thank you for your support.
20 Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 POLICE COMMISSIONER

23 JOHNSON: Good morning. Thanks.
24 Everything that was said about Greg

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2 Brown was probably already said by
3 Mayor Street. I want to say a
4 little thing about Mayor Street,
5 because I would not be Police
6 Commissioner if it was not for him.
7 My name is Sylvester Johnson,
8 former Police Commissioner, City of
9 Philadelphia. I spent 40 --

10 (Applause.)

11 POLICE COMMISSIONER

12 JOHNSON: I spent 43 years here in
13 the city of Philadelphia, not as
14 the police commissioner but as a
15 police officer. I've known Greg
16 Brown for almost my entire career,
17 almost his entire career. He was
18 not just a good police officer, but
19 he was a friend. One of the things
20 I used to say and that City Council
21 President mentioned, there's two
22 things that you can never arrest
23 you way out of the problem. It
24 wasn't about locking people up. It

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2 was about changing the quality of
3 life here in the city of
4 Philadelphia, which I tried to do.

5 The two things when I
6 first was the police commissioner,
7 I met with the mayor, and he says
8 two things. And every community
9 meeting that we went to, it was
10 about two things. It was abandoned
11 cars and drug sales. He came up
12 with Operation Safe Streets, where
13 we put almost 300 police officers
14 on every corner in the City of
15 Philadelphia to stop those things.
16 Mayor Street was an exceptional
17 mayor.

18 I was part of his staff,
19 and for those years that we never
20 argued in the street. But he gave
21 me hell behind (inaudible) places.
22 But he says it's about quality of
23 life. It's about going out there
24 and making the City of

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2 Philadelphia, that people can sit
3 on their steps. Kids can come out
4 and play. Numbers is not
5 important.

6 When they talk about a
7 lot of times that our crime is
8 down, our homicide rate is down,
9 but one is too many. We can say
10 that there's a lot of homicides
11 that are down. And when we say
12 it's 120 homicides and we're proud
13 of that, we shouldn't be, shouldn't
14 be at all. Because like I said,
15 one is too many.

16 I couldn't do this
17 without a lot of people and that
18 helped me quite a bit. And ask
19 Ms. Johnson, City Council President
20 at that time, everybody has to get
21 involved in this. It has to be a
22 holistic type approach. Everybody
23 has to get involved. Police will
24 never solve this problem. But as a

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2 community, we can. Thank you very
3 much. And thank you very much for
4 Greg Brown.

5 (Applause.)

6 CAPTAIN CLARK: Good
7 morning everyone. My name is
8 Stephen Clark, Captain, Commanding
9 officer of the Crash Investigation
10 Division, Philadelphia Police
11 Department. And I'm just here to
12 commend and congratulate Greg Brown
13 on 40 years of service to the great
14 citizens of the city of
15 Philadelphia and its police
16 department.

17 Forty years ago, Greg
18 came to the Philadelphia Police
19 Department via John W. Bartram High
20 School and the United States Marine
21 Corps. He since provided stellar
22 dedicated service to the citizens
23 of Philadelphia. And he went to
24 the 9th Police District.

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2 Thirty-one years ago,
3 this Judge guy remembering our 27,
4 via Temple University, came to the
5 Philadelphia Police Department in
6 the 9th District. And for a brief
7 period at the beginning of our
8 careers crossed paths, serving
9 citizens in the 9th District,
10 watching guys like Greg with the
11 experience that he had taught me to
12 be a police officer. And I came in
13 with the same values that I hold
14 today.

15 But they reinforced it
16 and I saw it in action about the
17 compassion, the care. You know,
18 they lived the values that I
19 learned in life and at my high
20 school of truth, justice, charity
21 and being a light in the darkness,
22 right. And Greg was that for me.
23 And that was the beginning of my
24 career. Greg then went on and he

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2 got promoted, he got promoted
3 several times, continued to serve
4 the citizens of Philadelphia in the
5 same manner, with the same calmness
6 and measure of decency that we
7 should all manage ourselves.

8 Now, at the end of
9 Greg's career, 31 years later, I
10 for the past year have been the
11 immediate supervisor of Greg, and
12 it's been a pleasure to do that in
13 that capacity. So I just wanted to
14 thank Greg for all those years of
15 service, first as a member of the
16 department and the supervisor. But
17 also as a 52-year resident of
18 Philadelphia, a husband and a
19 father of three. Thank you for
20 your service.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

23 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Thank you,
24 everyone. Prior to acknowledging

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2 the next speaker, I am respectfully
3 requesting that everyone hold to
4 the two-minute limit and I intend
5 to keep the two-minute limit for
6 every witness. Thank you very much
7 for your cooperation.

8 MS. JONES BROWN: Good
9 morning. I'm Loree Jones Brown. I
10 have the extraordinary honor of
11 recognizing my husband, Lieutenant
12 Gregory Antonio Brown, Sr. for 40
13 years of exemplary service to the
14 City of Philadelphia and its
15 residents. For four decades, Greg
16 has worn the badge with courage,
17 discipline, integrity and
18 unwavering commitment to public
19 safety.

20 His service has taken
21 him from his earliest days as a
22 young officer to the rank of
23 lieutenant, where he has led,
24 mentored, protected and served

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2 countless Philadelphians. This
3 resolution, today introduced by
4 Councilman Jeff Young, recognizes
5 more than a career. It recognizes
6 the sacrifices that come along with
7 wearing the uniform, the long
8 hours, the missed holidays, the
9 difficult calls and the
10 responsibility of being there when
11 others need you the most.

12 Greg, on behalf of your
13 parents that are here, your sister,
14 my mom, and your sons who could not
15 be here today, who follow you in
16 law enforcement, I am incredibly
17 proud of the officer, leader,
18 husband, father and man you have
19 become. Congratulations on 40
20 years of service. You have earned
21 this moment and you certainly have
22 earned your retirement. And I do
23 have a honey-do list for you. I
24 love you and congratulations.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MR. BLATSTEIN: Hello,
4 Philadelphia City Council. My name
5 is Jeremy Blatstein. First off,
6 thank you for 40 years of service.
7 That's amazing. It's really
8 important that we support the
9 Philadelphia Police Department.
10 We're talking a little bit about
11 nuisance businesses. Shout-out to
12 the police for finally enforcing
13 the shutdown orders that L&I are
14 putting on the windows.

15 I was out in West
16 Philadelphia on Friday night, and I
17 saw the police enforcing one of
18 those L&I shutdown notices. So
19 that's a good step, right. Those
20 nuisance businesses, State Rep Amen
21 Brown did his crackdown on those
22 smoke shops that are illegally
23 selling weed. We need to continue
24 to make sure that those nuisance

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2 businesses are being properly
3 enforced while properly supporting
4 the small business in Philadelphia.

5 In terms of LGBTQ+
6 awareness, it's really important.
7 Shame, shame, shame on State Rep
8 Aaron Bernstein and the comments he
9 made. That's so unacceptable in
10 terms of what he was talking about
11 with State Rep Malcolm Kenyatta.
12 Yeah, he said some messed up things
13 in a bar about State Rep Malcolm
14 Kenyatta.

15 And then we're talking
16 about FIFA. Obviously that was
17 crucial to the city of
18 Philadelphia. Shout-out to the
19 City of Philadelphia for doing
20 that. We need more of that. And
21 last but not least, we're talking
22 about SEPTA. We obviously need to
23 make sure that it's funded. We
24 need to make sure that we're

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2 supporting the SEPTA police, right.

3 It's a big issue right

4 now in terms of the youth that are

5 coming on the system. And we need

6 to make sure that they're working

7 with the police, along with

8 providing the resources so that

9 it's not just relying on that. And

10 the last thing I'll say when it

11 comes to digital awareness, right.

12 When you're posting videos that

13 have curse words in it, it's

14 unacceptable. Disband the

15 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office.

16 Ride the ride. Grow Philly to 2

17 Milly. Thank you.

18 MR. SMALL: Good

19 morning, ladies and gentlemen. My

20 name is William Small and I am a

21 member of Flip Philly Red. Today I

22 originally came here to challenge

23 260076, but it seems as though last

24 week I was cut off in silence when

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2 I wanted to question why a
3 Councilwoman receiving campaign
4 funds from the Indian American
5 Impact Fund. And believe me,
6 there's nothing American about
7 them. How she can try to amend our
8 charter and our elections and she
9 wasn't even born in America. So
10 I'm not even going to challenge
11 that today.

12 I'm going to challenge
13 Councilman O'Rourke's bill, 260779.
14 We're talking about stop using
15 Starbucks in City Council. I mean,
16 really, that's what we're talking
17 about, Starbucks. Are we going to
18 stop taking their tax dollars too?
19 I mean, we got to start doing
20 things that make sense. And I
21 overheard next week we're honoring
22 the Democrat Socialists of America.
23 For what?

24 These are the people who

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2 want to put the police out of
3 business, defund the prisons,
4 defund the police, abolish our
5 presidency, abolish our Senate,
6 abolish our Supreme Court. Then we
7 got Councilman Jeffrey Young
8 running around here with money that
9 belongs to the library. I heard it
10 was \$10 million. He acting like
11 Nino Brown off New Jack City. And
12 everybody just want to know what's
13 happening with the library.

14 Now, I'm surprised I
15 wasn't silenced today and I really
16 appreciate that. And one more, one
17 more. And I love the fact that we
18 honored the Black Bottom. It's
19 been long overdue. My family came
20 from North Carolina and we were one
21 of the originators of the Black
22 Bottom, the first bar, 35th and
23 Mt. Vernon, 1959, by a Black woman.

24 But what I want to know

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2 is how the heck does Africatown get
3 honored before the Black Bottom.
4 Africatown? I mean, have you guys
5 went to Advance Auto Parts? They
6 spilling oil in the sewer system.
7 It's 100 Africans out there and it
8 looks like the Congo. The people
9 can't even run their business.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. McAULEY: Good
12 morning, everyone. My name is John
13 Alonte McAuley. I'm with a
14 grassroots organization called Flip
15 Philly Red. We're here to bring
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 260779, a resolution by
21 Councilmember O'Rourke endorsing
22 the boycott of Starbucks, called
23 for by Workers United SEIU,
24 encouraging residents to refrain

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2 from purchasing Starbucks products
3 until they finalize a fair union
4 contract.

5 And since you're the
6 so-called man of God, my question
7 to Councilmember O'Rourke, would
8 you have boycotted Starbucks back
9 in 2015 when they waged war on
10 Christmas and told their baristas
11 not to say Merry Christmas, but
12 Happy Holidays only when they
13 greeted customers. Same company in
14 2023. They had rainbows on their
15 cups, but never had Jesus. Just
16 like Al Sharpton embracing and
17 endorsing these stupid boycotts.
18 How about you boycott these Black
19 parents for allowing their sons to
20 wear ski masks in these streets.
21 Working Families Party and
22 Democrats can teach your kids how
23 to dance, but can't teach them how
24 to read. But I get it.

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2 SEIU was prepared to
3 give 200 million to Biden and the
4 Democrats in 2024, so it's easy to
5 sell out for a check. SEIU, known
6 for embezzlement convictions.
7 Sexual harassment scandals at
8 California local employed a
9 convicted child molester as a
10 business agent. Same SEIU on the
11 front lines of anti-ICE protests in
12 support of illegal aliens. Same
13 illegal aliens who undercut the
14 American wages those Starbucks
15 blue-haired baristas are asking
16 for.

17 Maybe Starbucks should
18 write Christ is King on their cups
19 and they'll have some better luck.
20 Maybe if City Council embraced
21 deportations, free markets,
22 deregulation and competition
23 baristas would have better luck.
24 Tell your DA to prosecute crime.

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2 Cut taxes across the board, basic
3 economics. How are you a
4 Councilmember if you don't even
5 know that. And to the Mayor of
6 Downingtown, if no one told you,
7 you are a man. How are you --

8 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

9 RICHARDSON: Please conclude your
10 remarks. Your two minutes are up.
11 Thank you very much.

12 THE CLERK: Will Christy
13 Cianciotto, Matthew Valenzuela,
14 Kate Rivera, C. Michael Robinson,
15 Ayesha Mughal, Dr. Deborah Roebuck,
16 Simone Erickson, Kristine Gonnella,
17 Juanita Jenkins and Shalisa
18 Brunson, please make your way to
19 the podium.

20 (Witnesses approached
21 podium.)

22 MS. LANDES: Good
23 morning. I'm Lynn Landes of
24 Philly's Republican Network and the

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2 parent of a mentally disabled son.

3 We oppose Bill 250907. Property

4 owners and business improvement

5 districts such as Center City

6 District are being taxed twice by

7 the city and by the district for

8 the same services for sanitation

9 and safety. That should not be

10 legal under any circumstances.

11 But more importantly,

12 both the city and these districts

13 enable the mentally ill and drug-

14 addicted to live on the streets,

15 rather than getting them into

16 medical facilities as well as the

17 government services and funding

18 that they are legally entitled to

19 under the Americans with

20 Disabilities Act.

21 Instead the city, these

22 districts and nonprofits are

23 getting the funding and using it to

24 keep these people alive, but also

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2 still living on the streets, which
3 in the case of the drug-addicted,
4 helps out the drug dealers who seem
5 to be in an unholy alliance with
6 city officials. It is well past
7 time for the city to do the right
8 thing and phase out business
9 improvement districts, arrest all
10 of the drug dealers and get our
11 fellow human beings off the streets
12 and into the mandated care they so
13 desperately need and are legally
14 entitled to.

15 I want to also add that
16 the Democratic Party and the
17 Socialist Democrats have really
18 crossed the line. We can disagree
19 on a lot of issues, but when you're
20 inviting illegal immigrants to live
21 in this city and in these states,
22 that really is tantamount to
23 treason. Honestly, you can't have
24 a country without secure borders.

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2 So I honestly wish you would
3 reconsider your sanctuary city
4 policy and do the right thing and
5 protect our borders and our
6 citizens. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. LATKO: Good
9 morning. Good morning, everybody.
10 My name is Jonathan Latko. I'm
11 from Temple University. I'm here
12 to support Councilperson Rue
13 Landau's Digital Inclusion Week
14 proclamation for October 4th
15 through the 10th. I've been at
16 Temple for about 27 years, and we
17 run a program called the Digital
18 Access Center. And we think about
19 that spirit of Russell Conwell,
20 right, acres of diamonds, if you're
21 familiar with it.

22 Any Temple Owls in the
23 house, right. So you can look the
24 world over and you can look for

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2 gems and all those special things,
3 but we think they're right here in
4 our own backyard, right. So we
5 created a program where people in
6 the community earn a computer from
7 us. We teach them how to use it,
8 we support it. We get them
9 connected to the internet through
10 some of our big companies and
11 organizations in the city. It's
12 like teaching the person to fish,
13 right. They can earn and they can
14 figure it out on their own and
15 they'll have a much successful and
16 a better life.

17 So I appreciate the
18 Councilwoman for recognizing
19 Digital Inclusion Week at Temple
20 University. We are hosting with
21 the Technology Learning
22 Collaborative Conference next week.
23 It's our third or fourth year in a
24 row hosting it. We're bringing

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2 people together. Councilwoman
3 attends and I appreciate that.
4 We're really trying to figure out
5 how to get resources to the people
6 and let them stand up on their own.
7 I appreciate everybody's time and I
8 hope to see you soon.

9 MS. CIANCIOOTTO: My name
10 is Christi Cianciotto. I work at
11 Penn Med Starbucks. I worked at
12 Starbucks for three years and to my
13 surprise, I do not have blue hair.
14 I do love my job. I love making
15 drinks for customers. I love
16 supporting my team. In three
17 years, I've never been written up.
18 I've always been on time and I show
19 up for Starbucks every day.

20 When I needed them to
21 show up for me, they failed me.
22 When I needed a transfer from my
23 store in Easton, Pennsylvania to a
24 new store in Philly, they made the

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2 process incredibly difficult and

3 drug it out as long as possible.

4 For weeks, I didn't even know if I

5 would have a job. When they

6 finally did tell me I was able to

7 transfer, it took them months

8 longer to actually get me started

9 in a new store.

10 All together it took

11 five months, including 89 days

12 where I was not allowed to work at

13 all. That's 89 days without a

14 paycheck while I'm living in a new

15 city. 89 days where I don't know

16 how I'm going to pay my bills or

17 buy groceries. Those 89 days also

18 cost me my health insurance.

19 Starbucks requires for you to work

20 20 hours a week to qualify for

21 benefits, but they don't guarantee

22 that you'll get scheduled for that.

23 So all that time, the company

24 wasn't letting me work.

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2 I had no longer
3 qualified for health insurance that
4 I counted on. That means I can't
5 access medication. That's really
6 important to me. It also means
7 constantly worrying what will
8 happen to me if I have a medical
9 emergency. Would I be able to get
10 care and how can I pay for it.
11 Carrying around all this stress and
12 worry takes a big toll on my mental
13 and physical health.

14 We talk a lot about
15 union busting because Starbucks has
16 broken labor law more than any
17 other company in history. But
18 union busting is not an abstract
19 idea. This is what it looks like.
20 It looks like dedicated workers
21 like me being hung out to dry by a
22 company that doesn't care about us.
23 That is why it is so important that
24 everyone boycott Starbucks until we

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2 have a fair union contract that
3 protects workers like me. Thank
4 you so much for our City Council
5 for standing with workers. Now, we
6 need the rest of the city to do the
7 same. No contract, no coffee.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. VALENZUELA: Hello,
10 Council. My name is Matthew
11 Valenzuela. I've been a barista
12 for seven years. I work at the
13 store on 16th and Walnut. And I'm
14 here to support the Boycott
15 resolution, boycott from -- sorry,
16 Starbucks Workers United and
17 Resolution 260779. I've seen over
18 time and time again that our stores
19 have been horribly understaffed and
20 overworked.

21 It is far too often
22 where breaks are skipped, where
23 people are forced to do several
24 positions at once, and all while

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2 customers are asking where their
3 drinks are. That's why when I was
4 asked to go on strike only a day
5 after I transferred to my new
6 store, I said yes. We went on a
7 three-month strike, the longest in
8 our union history, and we still
9 don't have a contract to guarantee
10 adequate staffing and pay. And
11 that's why -- and because of that
12 we're asking people, organizations
13 to boycott Starbucks until we get a
14 guaranteed contract of better
15 staffing and better pay.

16 That's why I'm asking
17 Philadelphia City Council to stand
18 with Starbucks workers, support our
19 boycott and vote yes on Resolution
20 260779. When workers ask our
21 communities not to cross a boycott
22 line, we need our elected officials
23 to stand with us. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

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2 MS. RIVERA: Good

3 afternoon. My name is Kate Rivera,
4 and I'm speaking in support of the
5 resolution that was introduced by
6 Councilmember Rue Landau today
7 recognizing Digital Inclusion Week.
8 I'm the Executive Director of the
9 Technology Learning Collaborative,
10 or TLC, which is a nonprofit
11 coalition of organizations and
12 individuals working to advance
13 digital equity and inclusion in the
14 Greater Philadelphia area to
15 achieve digital equity.

16 Everyone should have
17 three basic things. One is
18 internet access that's affordable,
19 reliable, and fast. The second is
20 a computer or other device that
21 meets their needs. And the third
22 is the digital skills that they
23 need to use those tools to
24 accomplish their goals and stay

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2 safe online. In this day and age,
3 having access to the internet and
4 technology is a necessity rather
5 than a luxury. And research really
6 backs this up in a few different
7 examples here.

8 90% of job postings in
9 Pennsylvania require some level of
10 digital skills, even entry-level
11 jobs you wouldn't expect. We've
12 seen that students with quality
13 devices and digital skills do --
14 sorry, students without quality
15 devices and digital skills do worse
16 in schools and earn less over their
17 lifetimes. We've seen patients who
18 are capable of navigating
19 telehealth systems, see doctors
20 sooner and save money on health
21 care. And we've even seen a
22 correlation between maternal health
23 and broadband access.

24 So with changes at the

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2 federal level, the nonprofits that
3 are helping community members here
4 in Philadelphia with digital access
5 are facing declining funding at the
6 same time that needs in our
7 communities are increasing. And
8 we've actually seen that digital
9 equity funding pays for itself. So
10 studies show that every dollar
11 invested in digital access yields a
12 projected \$2.40 in societal value.
13 So I hope you'll join me in
14 celebrating the work here and
15 funding digital equity. Thank you.
16 (Applause.)
17 MR. ROBINSON: Thank
18 you, Council President. Good
19 morning, Council President and
20 members of Council. C. Michael
21 Robinson, Wynnefield resident and
22 former Chief Municipal
23 Administrator. Everyone pay close
24 attention. Resolution 260770

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2 addresses a federal proposal that
3 would reduce certain examination
4 and reporting requirements for
5 banks serving low-income and
6 working-class communities. We're
7 talking about access to
8 homeownership, capital and
9 neighborhood entrepreneurs and
10 resources for community
11 institutions.

12 In a city where
13 generational wealth remains
14 profoundly unequal, these are not
15 abstract regulatory concerns. They
16 are questions of economic survival
17 for working-class Philadelphians
18 trying to make a way. But today, I
19 want to interrogate preparedness.
20 Philadelphia Code Section 19-201
21 establishes community reinvestment
22 requirements for city depositories.

23 Council authorized a
24 Public Financial Authority in 2022

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2 and hearings into its
3 implementation in 2025. What
4 became of that oversight?
5 Meanwhile, Pennsylvania law
6 restricts our ability to
7 independently regulate financial
8 institutions. These limitations
9 did not emerge yesterday, and the
10 federal government did not invent
11 Philadelphia's responsibility to
12 protect its residents.

13 Our charter places the
14 Law Department in an extraordinary
15 position of advising both branches
16 of government. Council
17 acknowledged the structural tension
18 through Resolution 260720 two weeks
19 ago. Legal counsel must identify
20 what government cannot lawfully do,
21 but it cannot become a substitute
22 for determining what government can
23 do.

24 At what point does

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2 identifying a legal obstacle become
3 an exercise in institutional
4 paralysis? And who is accountable
5 when viable alternatives never
6 reach implementation? The federal
7 comment period closes October 13th.
8 I'm asking for an accounting of
9 existing depository compliance, the
10 financial authority's
11 implementation status and concrete
12 municipal and state law remedies.
13 A resolution establishes a
14 position. Governance requires an
15 executable plan. Thank you.
16 (Applause.)
17 MS. MUGHAL: Hello. My
18 name is Ayesha Mughal. Starbucks
19 baristas have been fighting for
20 almost five years for a fair union
21 contract. The baristas are not
22 asking for anything unreasonable, a
23 17-hour minimum wage, enough hours
24 to live on, and better staffing in

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2 the stores to keep up with the
3 amount of customers that come in.
4 It would cost the company less than
5 one day of sales to pay for what
6 the baristas are asking for. They
7 shouldn't have to fight for what
8 they simply need to survive.

9 That's why I'm proud
10 that Philly is stepping up
11 alongside union baristas and
12 working people across the nation
13 who are boldly demanding better.
14 We need to support working people
15 by boycotting Starbucks until they
16 meet their workers' very reasonable
17 demands and finalize a fair
18 contract. In the meantime, we
19 should all be supporting local
20 businesses anyway. Elixir Coffee,
21 Green Line Cafe, ReAnimator Coffee,
22 Ultimo Coffee, Vibrant Coffee
23 Roasters are all companies that
24 reached fair union contracts with

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2 their workers and our local coffee
3 shops that we can support. Thank
4 you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DR. ROEBUCK: I think
7 it's still morning, but good
8 morning, City Council President and
9 members of Council and
10 especially -- okay. Good morning.
11 My name is Dr. Deborah Roebuck and
12 I'm so appreciative to have the
13 opportunity to speak around
14 Menopause Awareness Month --

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:

16 (Inaudible).

17 DR. ROEBUCK: Start way
18 over?

19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Yes.

20 DR. ROEBUCK: Good
21 morning, City Council President,
22 members of the City Council, City
23 Councilmember Ahmad. Good morning.
24 It's just a privilege to be here.

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2 My name is Dr. Deborah Roebuck. I
3 am the CEO of going through the
4 change. But more importantly, they
5 call me the Menopause Whisperer.
6 And I also had the privilege to be
7 the Public Health Administrator for
8 the City of Philadelphia for over
9 24 years.

10 I'm honored to speak on
11 behalf of Menopause Awareness
12 Month, because recognition gives us
13 an opportunity to bring greater
14 understanding to the stage of life
15 that affects women. I'm talking
16 about women in the neighborhoods.
17 I'm talking about people at your
18 church. I'm talking about your
19 boss, your family. It's all of us
20 that's impacted for so long.

21 When you talk about
22 menopause, I'm going to be honest
23 with you, women felt not respected
24 or they just say, oh, well, she'll

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2 be over that or we would go to the
3 doctors and the doctors would say,
4 okay, next. I just want you to
5 know to recognize menopause is
6 extremely important because that
7 normalizes -- it gives women the
8 opportunity to ask questions, to be
9 able to seek answers, to get
10 support.

11 So it's a privilege to
12 be here. I'm excited about the
13 opportunity as Philadelphia moves
14 forward and appropriation for our
15 jobs so that we can feel free to do
16 the work we need to do in our homes
17 and our hearts and in our
18 communities. Thank you so very
19 much.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. ERICKSON: Good
22 morning, everyone. Thank you for
23 having me. My name is Simone
24 Erickson. I am here today

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2 representing Public Health
3 Management Corporation in support
4 of Councilmember Ahmad. On behalf
5 of Public Health Management
6 Corporation, we are proud to
7 support the resolution recognizing
8 October as Menopause Awareness
9 Month.

10 Public Health Management
11 Corporation commends Councilmember
12 Nina Ahmad for championing
13 workplace protections for people
14 experiencing menstruation,
15 perimenopause and menopause. These
16 efforts are vital to ensuring
17 dignity, equity and opportunity for
18 all workers. Menopause is a
19 natural stage of life, yet is still
20 surrounded by stigma and silence.
21 Too often people feel uncomfortable
22 talking about symptoms or asking
23 for support. By recognizing
24 Menopause Awareness Month, we give

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2 an opportunity to change the
3 conversation, incorporate men, and
4 normalize these conversations.

5 We can normalize
6 discussions about menopause,
7 increase access to accurate health
8 information, and create workplaces
9 where people can openly seek
10 support and accommodations they
11 need without fear of embarrassment
12 or discrimination. By recognizing
13 October as Menopause Awareness
14 Month, we are helping break the
15 silence, reduce stigma, and promote
16 a culture where menopause is
17 understood as a public health and
18 workplace issue, not something that
19 should be hidden or endured in
20 silence. Thank you all.

21 (Applause.)

22 MS. JENKINS Juanita
23 Jenkins, first Vice-President,
24 Pennsylvania State Coalition of the

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2 National Council of Negro Women.

3 Good morning -- well, afternoon I
4 should say.

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6 JOHNSON: Good morning. Good
7 afternoon.

8 MS. JENKINS: Good
9 afternoon, Council President,
10 distinguished members of City
11 Council and fellow Philadelphians.
12 Once again, my name is Juanita
13 Jenkins and it is my profound honor
14 to stand before you today on behalf
15 of the Pennsylvania State Coalition
16 of the National Council of Negro
17 Women. On behalf of our state
18 leadership, State President April
19 Baidal, our national officers, and
20 our seven community-based sections
21 and our collegiate members of
22 university sections across the
23 Commonwealth, we proudly and
24 formally affirm the resolutions

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2 supported by Councilmember Cindy
3 Bass.

4 But I want to be clear
5 about what we are affirming. We're
6 not simply accepting the honor. We
7 are affirming a partnership and a
8 responsibility. The National
9 Council of Negro Women is a
10 nonpartisan civil rights
11 organization founded in 1935 by the
12 incomparable Dr. Mary McLeod
13 Bethune, a woman who understood
14 that Black women could not simply
15 wait for change. We had to
16 organize, advocate, educate and
17 lead for it.

18 For more than 40 years,
19 Dr. Dorothy Irene Height carried
20 that vision forward, building NCNW
21 into a powerful national voice for
22 civil rights, economic justice,
23 education, health and opportunity.
24 And that legacy is not sitting in

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2 the history book. It is alive and
3 working. Today in our County of
4 Philadelphia, our Pennsylvania
5 State Coalition puts the legacy
6 into action through what we call
7 SJHEEE, Social Justice, Health
8 Equity, Economic Empowerment, and
9 Education. We register voters,
10 advocate for legislation, educate
11 for our communities, and develop
12 young leaders and we show up and do
13 the work. We want to thank you for
14 the resolution today.

15 (Applause.)

16 THE CLERK: Will Robert
17 McHugh, Jerry Davis, Emily Ndiokho,
18 Amy Hillier, Beth Ramella, Pamela
19 Vasserman, John Dennis, Keith
20 Grant, Michelle Wells, Snead, and
21 Ericka Wines, please make your way
22 to the podium.

23 (Witnesses approached
24 podium.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Please proceed.

4 MR. McHUGH: Good

5 afternoon, Council President,

6 members of City Council. My name

7 is Bob McHugh. I'm a lifelong

8 Philadelphia resident and a former

9 U.S. Army Captain. I'm here today

10 to support the resolution to name

11 the 3300 block of Solly Avenue in

12 front of Father Judge, for the 27

13 graduates who grew up in the

14 working-class rowhouse

15 neighborhoods of Mayfair,

16 Holmesburg, Tacony and others and

17 sacrifice their lives in Vietnam.

18 These heroes had two

19 things in common, a willingness to

20 serve our country and the fact that

21 they all graduated from Father

22 Judge High School in the 1960s.

23 The 27 represent all five branches

24 of the service at that time. There

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2 are 14 U.S. Marines, 9 Army
3 soldiers, 2 sailors, 1 member of
4 the Air Force and 1 from the Coast
5 Guard.

6 These sons of
7 Philadelphia all lost their lives
8 during the 1960s, some over 60
9 years ago. These young heroes were
10 killed at 19, 20, 21 years old and
11 would be 80-year-old great-
12 grandfathers had they lived. I
13 can't believe that this hasn't been
14 done yet. We can honor them now by
15 naming the street that runs in
16 front of their high school in their
17 honor. Let's do it now.

18 Father Judge has done a
19 lot to keep their memory alive.
20 There's a beautiful memorial on the
21 lawn in front of the school, which
22 is engraved with the names of all
23 27, along with the inscription, No
24 greater love has a man than this,

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2 that he laid down his life for his
3 friends. That seems so
4 appropriate. Father Judge has also
5 hung hero flags on the block with a
6 photo of each of the 27 so people
7 can put a face with the names.

8 The school holds
9 multiple ceremonies during the year
10 to remember the 27 and teaches the
11 legacy of the 27 to all incoming
12 students. The Father Judge
13 athletic teams all wear the 27 logo
14 on their uniforms. And each
15 season, players compete for the
16 honor of wearing the coveted 27. I
17 just ask for your indulgence for a
18 couple seconds.

19 On a personal note, my
20 wife's cousin Jack is an Army
21 Sergeant, John F. Bentz, Jr., one
22 of the 27. Jack was an Catholic
23 football player, at Judge and the
24 Outstanding Senior Athlete Award is

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2 named for Jack and given at
3 graduation every year. Jack was
4 awarded a Silver Star posthumously
5 for his heroic actions on the day
6 when he was killed. He's a hero in
7 our family, as are all the other 26
8 for their family, friends and
9 classmates.

10 In closing, I'd like to
11 thank Councilman Driscoll for
12 introducing this resolution, Maura
13 McDonald from the Councilman's
14 office for all the help she's given
15 us to make sure that this happens.
16 I would also like to thank the
17 administration at Father Judge,
18 especially President James
19 Meredith, who spoke today, for all
20 his assistance and support. Father
21 Judge the 27 have done their duty.
22 They gave their all for us. It's
23 time for us to do our duty and to
24 remember and honor them by naming

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2 this street the 3300 block of Solly
3 Avenue for them. Please help us
4 and always remember our 27. Thank
5 you for your time. Thank you, sir.
6 Thank you, Maura. I appreciate it.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. DAVIS: Good
9 afternoon. My name is Jerry Davis
10 and it's wonderful to hear these
11 comments about the Marine Corps as
12 a fellow marine, former marine.
13 Thank you very much for this
14 opportunity. I stand here because
15 Dr. Palmer, who should be here, had
16 an unavoidable happening that he
17 had to take care of. So
18 unfortunately he can't be here.

19 But I stand for it
20 before you humbly. As Dr. Palmer
21 once said, Every neighborhood,
22 every community has an earthly
23 corner, a place where a community
24 is built and memories are made.

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2 The earthly corner of the Black
3 Bottom was 36th and Market Street.
4 I had my first job on that
5 particular corner as a 12- or
6 13-year-old, so it means so much to
7 me.

8 The thing that I would
9 say to you about the Black Bottom
10 is that people encouraged you,
11 people supported you. It really
12 gave definition to -- this is
13 important to me, and it made me
14 feel that I was somebody. Even
15 before Jesse Jackson coined the
16 phrase, people looked out for one
17 another in that community.
18 Unfortunately, the Black Bottom,
19 the intentional displacement of the
20 Black Bottom residents due to the
21 West Philadelphia Corporation,
22 including Drexel and Penn as well
23 as the City of Philadelphia through
24 the Philadelphia Redevelopment

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2 Authority, has led to the
3 prosperous area now known as
4 University City.

5 Through this urban
6 renewal project, thousands of
7 people lost their homes for little
8 or no compensation. The vast
9 majority of these people were
10 Black. The passage of Resolution
11 260767 is an important act of
12 recognition, but it only scratches
13 the surface of harm dealt and
14 created by the city's most valuable
15 institutions.

16 The next steps must be
17 towards ensuring the prosperity of
18 the area and that it's shared with
19 us in our descendants who forced
20 removal from the neighborhood and
21 made this wealth possible. This is
22 stolen wealth. We demand
23 reparations from the City, the
24 University of Pennsylvania and

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2 Drexel. Thank you, Councilmember
3 Gauthier, Mary Jones and Andrew
4 Goodman for your support of the
5 Black Bottom Reparations Committee,
6 the elders of the Black Bottom and
7 the 3054 signatures.

8 With the QR codes all of
9 you have, you will be able to add
10 your name to our Reparations
11 Committee. The Black Bottom was a
12 vibrant community, a caring
13 community, a nurturing community
14 where people looked out for one
15 another. All too often that's a
16 lost art today. Too many spaces
17 today, here locally in the nation
18 as a whole don't do what they did
19 in the Black Bottom.

20 And when the Black
21 Bottom was lost, that culture was
22 also lost. We have to recognize
23 that people live there. People
24 made contributions to this

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2 community and we have to have the
3 reparations. We demand the
4 reparations. Thank you so much for
5 this opportunity. Sorry that I had
6 to rush through this. It was a lot
7 longer than two minutes, I'm sure.
8 But thank you so much and God
9 bless.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you very much. We
13 have a whole lot of people who want
14 to speak as well. Go ahead.

15 MS. NDIOKHO: Good
16 afternoon, Councilmembers. My name
17 is Emily Ndiokho and I'll be
18 reading testimony from Edward M.
19 Epstein, the author of Race and
20 Real Estate in Education:
21 Inventing Gentrification in
22 Philadelphia, 1916-2020, and the
23 Director of the Teachers Institute
24 of Philadelphia at the University

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2 of Pennsylvania in the 1950s.

3 It was a turning point
4 in Philadelphia's history. The
5 city's manufacturing jobs were
6 migrating elsewhere and its
7 infrastructure and landscape
8 crumbling. Under the leadership of
9 City Planner Edmund Bacon, there
10 was an interest in restoring the
11 city's historical districts and in
12 using federal urban renewal dollars
13 to demolish and redevelop areas
14 they considered blighted. City
15 landscape also saw that while
16 manufacturing was in decline,
17 campuses and colleges and hospitals
18 were growing. The city's economy
19 was shifting from manufacturing to
20 eds and meds and tourism.

21 As early as 1947, Bacon
22 targeted West Philly for
23 redevelopment. He claimed the
24 areas north of Penn and Drexel, the

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2 Black Bottom, were creating a band
3 of blight around the university.
4 Taking up Bacon's charge, Penn
5 bought Drexel and the area's
6 hospitals together to form the West
7 Philadelphia Corporation, WPC. In
8 1959, this coalition planned the
9 redevelopment and rebranding of the
10 University area as University City.

11 The largest share of WPC
12 funding was from Penn and its Board
13 Chair was Penn President Gaylord
14 Harnwell. A key part of WPC's plan
15 was the demolition of the Black
16 Bottom. It proposed to replace it
17 with a research park, the
18 University City Science Center and
19 University City High School, which
20 was to have been a science magnet
21 school.

22 The WPC claimed that the
23 benefits from these projects
24 justified the use of urban renewal

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2 dollars for the demolitions. When
3 they learned the plan, the Black
4 Bottom residents protested
5 vigorously, delaying the award of
6 federal funding. Penn, however,
7 used its influence to persuade the
8 city and the Philadelphia
9 Redevelopment Authority and the
10 School District of Philadelphia to
11 approve the project.

12 The demolitions were
13 carried out by the Redevelopment
14 Authority in 1966 and 1967. The
15 WPC did not live up to its projects
16 and now the new prosperity that's
17 been created. But the Black Bottom
18 residents have not been dealt it.
19 This is stolen wealth. Penn,
20 Drexel and the City of Philadelphia
21 owe reparations to the residents
22 who were displaced from their homes
23 in the 1960s. Sign the petition
24 and join the movement to learn

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2 more. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

6 Councilmember Mike Driscoll.

7 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 I just want to take a
10 moment, we've had a couple speakers
11 that I just want to acknowledge.

12 First, I want to congratulate
13 President Jim Meredith, the newly
14 minted President of Father Judge
15 High School. We wish you well,
16 Mr. President, in leading these
17 young men into the future. So we
18 wish you well as a body.

19 And also to Bob McEwen
20 and his wife Janet, whose family
21 gave the ultimate sacrifice in the
22 Vietnam War. That's why we're
23 renaming Solly Avenue "27 Way." I
24 just want to note for the record,

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2 for my colleagues that may not know
3 this, so there were two high
4 schools in the country, number one
5 high school that lost the most men
6 in Vietnam was Edison, in the
7 country. The second high school,
8 the most in the country, was Father
9 Judge High School, lost 27 young
10 men.

11 So the sacrifices of
12 Philadelphians, we just need to
13 recognize them. And that's why I
14 introduced this resolution today.
15 And that's why I'm looking forward
16 to an affirmative from my
17 colleagues today.

18 And with that,
19 Mr. President, I do ask for some
20 indulgence to go tend to some
21 Council business and to be voted in
22 the affirmative on all bills and
23 resolutions until my return. Thank
24 you.

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3 JOHNSON: You're welcome. Leave is
4 granted.

5 Please proceed, ma'am.

6 MS. HILLIER: My name is
7 Amy Hillier. I'm an Associate
8 Professor at Penn School of Social
9 Policy and Practice, where I teach
10 courses in social work and urban
11 studies. I came to Philadelphia
12 for graduate school in 1995 and
13 I've been at Penn ever since, and
14 I've lived in West Philadelphia,
15 near Clark Park since 2005.

16 I'm here to speak in
17 strong support of the proposal to
18 recognize the Black Bottom. I am
19 fortunate that my colleague Walter
20 Palmer, who teaches with me, has
21 shared a lot about the history over
22 the years, including Penn's role in
23 neighborhood displacement. I'm
24 grateful to my colleagues Laura

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2 Wolf Powers and Edward Epstein for
3 publishing excellent books on this
4 topic.

5 Having worked at Penn
6 and lived in this neighborhood, I
7 know I am implicated in this
8 history. In many ways, I am the
9 face of gentrification. I
10 purchased my home with financial
11 support from Penn. My two children
12 attended Penn Alexander. My
13 neighbors, most of them also white,
14 and I have consistently experienced
15 increases in our property values
16 and have disproportionately
17 benefited from the public and
18 private investments in the area.
19 This has happened against the
20 backdrop of public school closures
21 across the city. Poverty rates for
22 children ranging from 25% to 37%, a
23 childhood asthma rate two to three
24 times the national average, and a

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2 housing affordability crisis.

3 I am committed to

4 teaching my students at Penn the

5 hard history about Penn's role in

6 West Philadelphia, which is not

7 limited displacement of the Black

8 Bottom. I want to see these

9 learning opportunities expand to

10 include all Penn students as well

11 as students at the neighborhood

12 schools Powel, SLA Middle School

13 and Penn Alexander.

14 The development of the

15 Science Center along Market Street

16 may have caused displacement of

17 people, homes and businesses, but

18 the memories and legacy of the

19 Black Bottom neighborhood will not

20 be erased as long as we commit to

21 telling and retelling this history.

22 A serious discussion about

23 reparations is long overdue. The

24 Black Bottom Elder sent a letter to

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2 Penn officials in 2025 asking to
3 move this conversation forward and
4 they are still waiting. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DR. RAMELLA: Hi. My
7 name is Dr. Beth Ramella. I'm the
8 Superintendent at Overbrook School
9 for the Blind. I'm a teacher of
10 the visually impaired and certified
11 orientation and mobility
12 specialist. It is my privilege to
13 stand before you today to thank
14 Philadelphia City Council for the
15 work that you do to support,
16 recognize and advocate for
17 individuals with visual
18 impairments, not just during Low
19 Vision Month or World Blindness
20 Month or Vision Awareness Month,
21 but throughout the year.

22 Vision Awareness Month
23 is an opportunity to recognize the
24 millions of Americans living with

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2 visual impairment. Low vision is
3 more than simply needing glasses.
4 It can affect a person's ability to
5 read, navigate their environment,
6 recognize even their familiar faces
7 of their family, use technology or
8 participate independently in
9 everyday life. And while vision
10 loss may not always be medically
11 correctable, rehabilitation,
12 education, technology and
13 specialized supports can be an
14 extraordinary difference in their
15 lives. This is where our work at
16 Overbrook School for the Blind
17 begins.

18 For nearly two
19 centuries, Overbrook has been part
20 of the Philadelphia community and
21 today we serve more than 180
22 students on our campus. We support
23 190 students and families
24 throughout our early intervention

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2 outreach programs, and more
3 students than that in public
4 schools in the Philadelphia area
5 and surrounding communities.

6 But our work on our
7 campus doesn't just stop there. We
8 work with families in their
9 earliest parts of their lives. We
10 send teachers of students with
11 visual impairments and certified
12 orientation and mobility
13 specialists into community schools.
14 We provide assessments,
15 development, consultation and
16 services throughout the
17 communities. We were appreciated
18 last week with an award and --
19 okay. We just want to thank you
20 because accessibility is not a
21 luxury. It's an opportunity for
22 our students to use and learn and
23 grow. All of the skills that they
24 need. Thank you. Thank you very

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2 much.

3 (Applause.)

4 THE CLERK: Will M.

5 Brownlee, Keith Gant, Rev. Doctor

6 Wendell J. Mapson, Nhakia Outland,

7 Ogbonna Paul Hagins, Garrett

8 Oliver, Audrey Neate and Judith

9 Queen Robinson, please make your

10 way to the podium.

11 (Witnesses approached
12 podium.)

13 MS. VASSERMAN: Good
14 morning, Council President, members
15 of City Council and everyone here
16 today. I am Pamela Vasserman,
17 Director of Development and
18 Communications at Overbrook School
19 for the Blind, and I am incredibly
20 proud to be here with our
21 Superintendent Dr. Beth Ramella.

22 As City Council
23 recognizes October as Vision
24 Impairment -- Vision Awareness

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2 Month, first, I want to thank
3 Councilman Curtis Jones for helping
4 us shine a light on the blind and
5 visually impaired community here in
6 Philadelphia and Councilwoman
7 Dr. Nina Ahmad, whose support of
8 Overbrook School for the Blind and
9 the students and families we serve
10 has meant so much to our community
11 at Overbrook.

12 We have the privilege of
13 seeing every day what is possible
14 when children are given the right
15 support, education and
16 opportunities. There is one story
17 to me that captures exactly why
18 this work matters. There was a
19 4-year-old, a child at Overbrook
20 who was deaf and blind. Let's call
21 him Johnny. Johnny's parents were
22 visiting Overbrook for Parents Day,
23 and his teacher asked him to come
24 over and hold their hands. Johnny

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2 began pressing into their hands.

3 His parents asked the teacher, what
4 is he doing? And his teacher said,
5 he's saying, I love you. That was
6 the first communication Johnny had
7 ever had with his parents.

8 Imagine being a parent
9 waiting four years to hear that
10 Johnny in any way was realizing
11 that his parents were realizing
12 that that was the very first thing
13 he was communicating. And it was,
14 I love you. That is Overbrook. It
15 is not simply about academics. It
16 is about communication, connection,
17 independence, dignity, and giving
18 children a way to participate fully
19 in, around and the world around
20 them.

21 Our students are not
22 defined by blindness or visual
23 impairment. They are children
24 preparing for college careers,

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2 independence, and meaningful lives.
3 They are learning to communicate,
4 use technology, develop skills,
5 advocate for themselves, build
6 relationships, and discover what
7 they want their futures to look
8 like. Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 PASTOR MAPSON: To
11 President Johnson, to members of
12 City Council, including our
13 Councilperson Jamie Gauthier, my
14 name is J. Wendell Mapson, Jr. For
15 the past 39 years, I've been Senior
16 Pastor of Monumental Baptist
17 Church, located on the corner of
18 50th and Locust in the heart of
19 West Philadelphia.

20 Our congregation is
21 celebrating this year the 200th
22 anniversary of its founding on
23 March 24, 1826, 37 years prior to
24 the signing of the Emancipation

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2 Proclamation and 50 years after the
3 birth of United States. I
4 appreciate the honor of addressing
5 you today. I'm here on behalf of
6 the congregation I serve to express
7 support for the resolution to
8 rename the 50th Street block where
9 the church is located Monumental
10 Way in recognition of our
11 congregation's profound spiritual
12 impact in our city as well as its
13 role during the 19th century in the
14 liberation of people escaping the
15 horrors of enslavement on their way
16 to the North.

17 Currently, Monumental
18 sponsors outreach ministries
19 including food giveaways, voter
20 registration drives, ministries to
21 youth and seniors housing forums,
22 and the distribution of school
23 supplies, among other social-
24 oriented initiatives so that our

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2 impact is not only in the sanctuary
3 but in the streets.

4 As we enter our third
5 century, our congregation will
6 continue to be a voice of social
7 justice and moral clarity, a voice
8 badly needed in these uncertain
9 times. We will continue to be an
10 example of the resiliency, power
11 and influence of the Black church
12 as we speak to and for the lost,
13 the least, the left-out and the
14 disinherited. Thank you for this
15 opportunity, for your time and for
16 your listening ear. I'm a Baptist
17 preacher. And this is the shortest
18 speech I've ever made.

19 (Applause.)

20 MS. OUTLAND: Good
21 morning, members of City Council
22 and Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad.
23 My name is Nhakia Outland, and I'm
24 the founder and Executive Director

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2 of Prevention Meets Fashion. I
3 stand before you today in support
4 of Councilmember Ahmad's resolution
5 for October being Menopause
6 Awareness Month.

7 For generations,
8 perimenopause and menopause have
9 been hidden in silence,
10 misunderstood and subjected to
11 stigma. I'm not sure if you're
12 aware, but did you know that
13 changes in women were meant that
14 they were insane? Women were often
15 sent to asylums. The solution was
16 to remove their ovaries and
17 hysterectomy. Again, this is not
18 far, far removed from what is still
19 happening today.

20 For far too long,
21 millions of individuals
22 experiencing hot flashes, sleep
23 disturbance, mood changes and
24 shifting cycles were left without

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2 language, medical guidance and
3 workplace accommodations. At
4 Prevention Meets Fashion, our
5 mission is to ensure that
6 reproductive health education spans
7 the entire life cycle and disrupts
8 the binary.

9 So what we haven't heard
10 today is that queer people also
11 experience menopause. And that is
12 something that we need to talk
13 about when we're talking about
14 menopause and menopause
15 conversations. This advocacy is
16 not just organizational for me. It
17 is deeply personal. As someone
18 currently navigating perimenopause,
19 not yet menopause, I know the lived
20 reality of managing complex
21 physical and emotional changes
22 while caring for my children,
23 running an organization, supporting
24 a team, and serving our city. We

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2 cannot treat reproductive justice
3 as something that stops after
4 childbearing years. Recognizing
5 October as Menopause Awareness
6 Month is a step towards breaking
7 generational taboos and getting
8 people to talk openly and
9 recognizing menopause or, as many
10 of us heard growing up, personal
11 summers.
12 Thank you, Councilmember
13 Ahmad, for your visionary
14 leadership. And thank you for the
15 entire Council body for championing
16 equity at every stage of life. I
17 strongly urge the passing of this
18 resolution. Thank you.
19 (Applause.)
20 MR. HAGINS: Ogbonna
21 Hagins, fourth-generation chattel
22 slavery survivor. Council
23 President Johnson, I want to start
24 with the Black Bottom. I think

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2 recognizing the historic West
3 Philadelphia community is
4 important. But doesn't recognition
5 also raise a question about whether
6 the people connected to that
7 community can actually afford to
8 remain, keep their property and
9 build wealth?

10 You've introduced
11 legislation or you're planning on
12 introducing legislation calling for
13 Philadelphia to be able to raise
14 the minimum wage to \$25 an hour.
15 So I have a question. If you are
16 truly serious about addressing
17 wages, would you be willing to meet
18 with my organization, the
19 Philadelphia Reparations Coalition
20 for American Freedmen? Because
21 what we're talking about isn't
22 simply raising the minimum wage.
23 We're talking about abolishing
24 starvation wages.

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2 We already have
3 legislation for your legal team to
4 review based on the reconstruction
5 framework of the 39th Congress. So
6 we have the legislation already
7 written for you, Council President,
8 and for your legal team. We're
9 just requesting that if you're
10 serious, that we schedule a meeting
11 with my compliance officer, with my
12 administrator and myself to
13 seriously deal with starvation
14 wages in this city, particularly as
15 it relates to the descendants of
16 chattel slavery. I'm Ogbonna
17 Hagins, the unseated council
18 president, the President of the
19 Philadelphia Reparations Coalition
20 for American Freedmen. Over and
21 out.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. O'DWYER: Good
24 afternoon. My name is Garrett

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2 O'Dwyer and I'm the Policy Director
3 at CDC. Thank you for the
4 opportunity to offer testimony in
5 support of Resolution 260770, which
6 expresses the city's opposition to
7 the proposed changes to the rules
8 governing the Community
9 Reinvestment Act, better known as
10 the CRA.

11 I'd like to thank
12 Council President Johnson and
13 Councilmember Rue Landau for
14 introducing this resolution and for
15 understanding the risks posed by
16 this proposed rule from the Trump
17 administration. For those of you
18 who don't know, the CRA is a
19 foundational pillar of community
20 development, which requires banks
21 to provide access to credit and
22 investments in low- and moderate-
23 income communities and evaluates
24 whether they meet these

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2 obligations. If you care about
3 affordable housing or economic
4 development, if you care about
5 access to credit for a family
6 looking to buy a home or start a
7 small business, if you care about
8 the strides we've made since the
9 days of redlining, then you should
10 care about CRA.

11 This proposed rule
12 would, among other things, change
13 the thresholds under which banks
14 are evaluated, reduce their
15 obligations and eliminate key
16 accountability frameworks that,
17 should this proposed rule go into
18 effect, will set back the work that
19 we have done to address economic
20 mobility and housing instability in
21 Philadelphia and across the
22 country.

23 In particular, it will
24 significantly undermine the goals

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2 of the H.O.M.E. initiative. This
3 will happen in big, obvious ways,
4 like more challenging financing for
5 low-income housing tax credit,
6 rental developments and small, less
7 obvious, but no less insidious
8 ways, like the first-time homebuyer
9 has done everything right but
10 doesn't understand why they still
11 can't get a mortgage.

12 So I want to thank City
13 Council for taking this stand and
14 raising the profile of a critical
15 issue that has received far too
16 little attention. However, there
17 is more that we can all do. The
18 public comment period on this
19 proposed rule is open until October
20 13th. I urge everyone, those in
21 this room, those listening at home
22 to submit comments in opposition.
23 We've created a customizable
24 template@cdc.org to help you do

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2 exactly that.

3 Councilmembers, we'll be
4 following up with your offices and
5 are happy to provide any assistance
6 we can in developing comments on
7 this. It's really important that
8 you do not just in the regulatory
9 process, but in what will surely be
10 litigation to follow. Thank you
11 for your partnership and your
12 solidarity. And I urge City
13 Council to adopt Resolution 260770.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. NEATE: Hello,
16 everyone. My name is Audrey Neate,
17 she/her. I've been a Starbucks
18 worker for nearly five years and I
19 was one of the original organizers
20 at my store at 22nd and South. I'm
21 here to share some of my
22 experiences and why I believe that
23 this committee should support the
24 resolution to boycott Starbucks.

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2 Sadly, I was laid off
3 this past Saturday. We were only
4 given two days' notice that our
5 store had just been closing. Just
6 before that, my manager had planned
7 to have us celebrate our success by
8 going to Queen and Rook to play
9 board games and have some drinks,
10 but instead that turned into a
11 farewell party. The hardest part
12 about that is that we didn't fail.

13 Recently, our store
14 consistently hit its metrics. We
15 had the cleanest store in the city,
16 ranked number one for customer
17 connection in the region. And
18 we're making record-store profits.
19 And they closed us anyway.
20 Starbucks would rather spend
21 unlimited amounts of money fighting
22 its workers than agree to a fair
23 contract. Meanwhile, their CEO
24 Brian Niccol get travel expenses

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2 paid by private jet between his
3 home in California and his office
4 in Seattle. Yet they went and
5 canceled our Lyft transportation
6 benefits.

7 Many Starbucks baristas
8 struggle with food insecurity.
9 Many have families who depend on
10 them. What would be pocket change
11 to a CEO would make a real
12 difference to the workers who keep
13 this company running. We are not
14 asking for luxury. We are asking
15 to be able to live. Starbucks
16 needs to listen to its workers.
17 And if they won't listen to us at
18 the bargaining table, then we need
19 to make sure they hear us from
20 everywhere else. I strongly urge
21 this committee and the city to
22 boycott Starbucks. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MS. ROBINSON: Good

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2 afternoon. All notification to the
3 public from City Council is an
4 urgent matter. Queen Judith
5 Robinson here, using Resolution
6 260770 to shout out what I learned
7 this summer. Party, party, party.
8 I like the party. You know that,
9 Councilman, right. But our
10 students are not proficient in
11 reading. The majority are not
12 reading on grade level.
13 I learned this summer
14 \$40 million police facility in the
15 heart of North Philly and a
16 constituency of 19121 are not
17 working on the job. I learned that
18 the same elected official of the
19 5th District who bullied the police
20 facility and eminent domain in
21 Sharswood/Brewerytown using PHA, is
22 unprecedented, now has a community
23 center with his name on it, on the
24 same land where eminent domain was

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2 used. And Darrell Clarke also was
3 on the board for the same agency
4 that used eminent domain.

5 Unprecedented conscience
6 asks the question, is it right?
7 I'm saying hell no. Whose idea is
8 it to keep running people to North
9 Philly to view the land of eminent
10 domain? Was John Legend told --

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Ms. Robinson?

13 Ms. Robinson?

14 MS. ROBINSON: Was John
15 Legend told eminent domain in
16 Brewerytown --

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Ms. Robinson?

19 MS. ROBINSON: What?

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Just chill with the
22 language though. Go ahead and
23 finish.

24 MS. ROBINSON: Excuse

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2 me?

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: The language. The hell,
5 don't use --

6 MS. ROBINSON: Hell no.
7 Yeah. All right. So all politics
8 are local. Was John Legend told
9 about the eminent domain in
10 Sharswood (inaudible) --

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Thank you for your
13 comments and we'll talk to you
14 later on. Thank you. I'll follow
15 up with you. Thank you very much.

16 MS. ROBINSON:
17 (Inaudible).

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: I know, I know. Yeah.
20 Thank you. Thank you very much,
21 ma'am.

22 MS. ROBINSON:
23 (Inaudible).

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2 JOHNSON: I didn't make you laugh,
3 ma'am. Thank you. I will follow
4 up with you, Ms. Robinson.

5 MS. ROBINSON:
6 (Inaudible).

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: And I'll follow up with
9 you. Take care. God bless.

10 Call the next person
11 please.

12 THE CLERK: Council
13 President, there is no further
14 public comment for today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: That concludes today's
17 public comment section.

18 We will now consider
19 resolutions on the Final Passage
20 Calendar and bills on the Second
21 Reading and Final Passage
22 Calendars.

23 Would the Clerk please
24 read the title of Resolution No.

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2 260741.

3 THE CLERK: A resolution
4 also naming the 1400 block of
5 Thompson Street as "Samuel Staten
6 Jr. --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Council will be at ease.

9 (Council at ease.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Will the Clerk please
12 read the resolution title of
13 Resolution 260741.

14 THE CLERK: A resolution
15 also naming the 1400 block of
16 Thompson Street as "Samuel Staten
17 Jr. Way" to honor the life,
18 leadership and enduring
19 contributions of Samuel Staten,
20 Jr., to organize labor, working
21 families and the City of
22 Philadelphia.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
3 a motion regarding Resolution No.
4 260741.

5 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
6 you, Mr. President.

7 I humbly ask for the
8 passage of this resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
12 properly seconded that Resolution
13 No. 260741 should have been adopted
14 a long time ago.

15 But nevertheless, all
16 those in favor of the motion will
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

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2 will be adopted.

3 The Chair wants to take
4 a moment to acknowledge
5 Councilwoman Quetcy Lozada.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LOZADA:

7 Thank you, Council President.

8 I am asking to be
9 excused for the rest of Council and
10 I'd like to be marked as aye on all
11 bills and resolutions.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you. Leave is
14 granted. Thank you very much.

15 Chief Clerk, please read
16 the title of Resolution No. 260766.

17 THE CLERK: A resolution
18 also naming the 200 block of South
19 50th Street as "Monumental Way" to
20 honor the legacy and impact of the
21 monumental Baptist Church on the
22 Walnut Hill community.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier for a
3 motion.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

5 Thank you, Mr. President.

6 I would like to offer an
7 amendment to Resolution No. 260766.

8 A copy of the amendment has been
9 circulated to all members of
10 Council. I move for the adoption
11 of the amendment.

12 (Duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
15 properly seconded that Resolution
16 No. 260766, which is an amendment,
17 be adopted.

18 All in favor signify by
19 saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
3 resolution has been amended. This
4 bill will be placed on the Final
5 Passage Calendar for our next
6 session of Council.

7 Will the Clerk please
8 read the title of Resolution No.
9 260767.

10 THE CLERK: A resolution
11 recognizing "Black Bottom" as the
12 first and official name of the
13 neighborhood in West Philadelphia,
14 bounded by 32nd Street to the east,
15 40th Street to the west, University
16 Avenue to the south, and Lancaster
17 Avenue to the north, ensuring that
18 future communication or action on
19 part of the City of Philadelphia
20 acknowledge this community's
21 importance to our City.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
24 Councilmember Jamie Gauthier for a

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2 motion regarding Resolution No.

3 260767.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GAUTHIER:

5 Thank you, Council President.

6 I move for the adoption
7 of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that Resolution
12 No. 260767 be adopted.

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

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
22 motion carries. The resolution is
23 adopted.

24 Will the Clerk please

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2 read the title of Resolution No.

3 260769.

4 THE CLERK: A resolution

5 renaming the 5600 block of Woodbine

6 Avenue as "James A. Reed Way" to

7 honor the life, legacy and lasting

8 contributions of James A. "Jim"

9 Reed to the City of Philadelphia.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

12 Councilmember Jones for a motion

13 regarding Resolution No. 260769.

14 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank

15 you, Mr. President.

16 Going back to Bell Tel,

17 I move for the adoption of this

18 resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

22 properly seconded that Resolution

23 No. 260769 be adopted.

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: Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

12 Will the Clerk please
13 read the title of Resolution No.
14 260770.

15 THE CLERK: A resolution
16 urging the Office of the
17 Comptroller of the Currency and the
18 Federal Deposit Insurance
19 Corporation to withdraw the
20 proposed amendments to their
21 Community Reinvestment Act rules,
22 which would roll back anti-
23 redlining standards and weaken
24 banking services to low- and

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2 moderate-income communities while
3 threatening investments in
4 affordable housing and community
5 development.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
8 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
9 motion regarding Resolution No.
10 260770.

11 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: On
12 your behalf, Council President, I
13 move for the adoption of the
14 resolution.

15 (Duly seconded.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
18 properly seconded that Resolution
19 No. 260770 be adopted.

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

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
6 motion carries. The resolution is
7 adopted.

8 Will the Clerk please
9 read the title of Resolution No.
10 260774.

11 THE CLERK: A resolution
12 also renaming the 1200 Block of
13 North LeCount Street "Derrick 'Phat
14 Geez' Gant Way" to honor the life
15 and legacy of Derrick Tawheed
16 Haleem Gant, a Philadelphia
17 recording artist and beloved member
18 of the North Philadelphia
19 community.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
23 a motion regarding Resolution No.
24 260774.

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2 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
3 you, Mr. President.

4 I move for its adoption.
5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
8 properly seconded that Resolution
9 No. 260774 be adopted.

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

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

21 Will the Clerk please
22 read the title of Resolution No.
23 260779.

24 THE CLERK: A resolution

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2 unequivocally standing with
3 unionized workers by endorsing the
4 boycott of Starbucks called for by
5 Workers United-SEIU by encouraging
6 residents, neighboring local
7 councils, and Philadelphia City
8 Council to refrain from purchasing
9 Starbucks products until Starbucks
10 finalizes a fair union contract.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
13 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke for
14 a motion regarding Resolution No.
15 260779.

16 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

17 Thank you, Mr. President.

18 I 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 Resolution
24 No. 260779 be adopted.

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2 All those in favor of
3 the motion 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 motion carries. The resolution is
11 adopted.

12 Would the Clerk please
13 read the title of Resolution No.
14 260780.

15 THE CLERK: A resolution
16 also naming the 3300 block of Solly
17 Ave as 'Father Judge 27 Way' to
18 honor the 27 graduates of Father
19 Judge High School who lost their
20 lives in the Vietnam War.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
23 Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore
24 Richardson, who will do a motion on

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2 behalf of Councilmember Mike

3 Driscoll, for Resolution 260780 --

4 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas.

5 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: With

6 your permission, Council President,

7 I would like to make the motion on

8 behalf of Councilmember Driscoll.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Absolutely. Chair

11 officially recognizes Councilmember

12 Isaiah Thomas for a motion

13 regarding Resolution No. 260780 on

14 behalf of Councilmember Mike

15 Driscoll.

16 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

17 Thank you, Council President.

18 And I want to thank

19 Councilmember Driscoll for his

20 leadership and acknowledging Edison

21 64, because my uncle was one of the

22 Edison 64. So thank you,

23 Councilmember Driscoll, for your

24 leadership on his behalf.

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2 I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that Resolution
8 No. 260780 be adopted.

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

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

14 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

20 We will now have
21 consideration of privileged
22 resolutions. Will the Clerk please
23 read any additional resolutions on
24 today's Calendar.

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2 THE CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution honoring and
4 congratulating the Independence
5 Blue Cross Foundation on the
6 occasion of its 15th anniversary.
7 Introduced by Councilmember
8 Katherine Gilmore Richardson.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
11 Councilmember Katherine Gilmore
12 Richardson for a motion on the
13 resolution.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

15 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Council
16 President.

17 I move for the adoption
18 of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

24 All those in favor

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

12 THE CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution congratulating Daniel
14 Hilferty, Michelle Singer, the
15 Board of Directors, and the entire
16 Philadelphia Soccer 2026 team for
17 their successful planning and
18 execution of the 2026 FIFA World
19 Cup in Philadelphia. Introduced by
20 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas on
21 behalf of Council President
22 Johnson.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

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2 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
3 motion on the resolution.

4 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

5 Again, thank you for your
6 leadership, Council President.

7 I move for the adoption
8 of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

14 All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
22 resolution is adopted.

23 Chief Clerk, please read
24 the title of the next resolution.

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2 THE CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution recognizing October 5,
4 2026, through October 9, 2026, as
5 the City of Philadelphia's
6 Maximizing Economic Development
7 (MED) Week: Celebrating Small and
8 Local Businesses, a focused week of
9 programming providing small and
10 local businesses throughout
11 Philadelphia's neighborhoods and
12 commercial corridors with access to
13 key information and resources.
14 Introduced by Councilmember Curtis
15 Jones, Jr.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.

19 COUNCILMAN JONES: On
20 behalf of --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

22 JOHNSON: I think he's the Father
23 of MED Week.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yeah.

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2 Well, Uncle.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Yeah, Uncle, right.

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: But

6 on behalf of all those who were the

7 Father formerly known as MED Week,

8 we evolve, we survive, we thrive no

9 matter what, and I move for the

10 adoption.

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: Anyone opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

24 resolution is adopted.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the title of the resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A privileged
5 resolution recognizing National
6 Coming Out Day on October 11, 2026
7 in the City of Philadelphia.
8 Introduced by Councilmember Rue
9 Landau.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
13 motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
15 move for the adoption of the
16 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.)

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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 THE CLERK: A privileged
11 resolution recognizing October 2026
12 as LGBTQ+ History Month in the City
13 of Philadelphia and honoring the
14 activists, advocates and members of
15 the LGBTQ+ community who continue
16 to fight for civil rights and
17 equality. Introduced by
18 Councilmember Rue Landau.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
22 motion on the resolution.

23 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

24 Thank you. 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 the
7 resolution be adopted.

8 All those in favor
9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
16 resolution is adopted.

17 Will the Clerk please
18 read the title of the resolution.

19 THE CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution recognizing October 4 to
21 October 10, 2026 as Digital
22 Inclusion Week in the City of
23 Philadelphia. Introduced by
24 Councilmember Rue Landau.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
4 Councilmember Rue Landau for a
5 motion on the resolution.

6 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU: I
7 move for the adoption of the
8 resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

14 All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
22 resolution is adopted.

23 Will the chief Clerk
24 please read the title of the

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2 resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A privileged
4 resolution recognizing October 2026
5 as Cyber Security Awareness Month
6 in the City of Philadelphia, and
7 acknowledging the importance of
8 empowering individuals and
9 organizations to prevent and
10 recognize online threats, providing
11 resources to protect sensitive data
12 and fostering a culture of digital
13 safety by educating the public on
14 best practices. Introduced by
15 Councilmember Rue Landau.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that the
4 resolution be adopted.

5 All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
13 resolution is adopted.

14 Will the Clerk please
15 read the title of the resolution.

16 THE CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution honoring and recognizing
18 Lieutenant Gregory A. Brown, Sr.,
19 on the occasion of his retirement
20 from the Philadelphia Police
21 Department and commending him for
22 40 years of exemplary public
23 service. Introduced by
24 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

4 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young for
5 a motion on the resolution.

6 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
7 you, Mr. President.

8 I move for its adoption.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

14 All those in favor
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

21 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
22 resolution is adopted.

23 Will the Chief Clerk
24 please read the title of the next

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2 resolution.

3 THE CLERK: A privileged
4 resolution honoring, commending and
5 congratulating Marni Gangel on the
6 occasion of her retirement from the
7 Defender Association of
8 Philadelphia, celebrating her
9 extraordinary career and enduring
10 commitment to justice, reproductive
11 rights and the children and
12 families of our city. Introduced
13 by Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke
14 on behalf of Councilmember Kendra
15 Brooks.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
18 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke for
19 a motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 On behalf of the
23 Minority Leader, I do move for the
24 adoption of the resolution.

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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 and the
15 resolution is adopted.

16 Chief Clerk, please read
17 the title of the resolution.

18 THE CLERK: A privileged
19 resolution recognizing October 12,
20 2026 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day"
21 in the City of Philadelphia,
22 honoring and commemorating the
23 achievements, traditions, and
24 contributions of American Indians,

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2 also known as "Indigenous peoples";
3 and affirming the City's commitment
4 to historical truth, cultural
5 respect, education, and partnership
6 with Indigenous communities.
7 Introduced by Councilmember Nicolas
8 O'Rourke on behalf of Councilmember
9 Kendra Brooks.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
12 Councilman Nicolas O'Rourke for a
13 motion on the resolution.

14 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:

15 Thank you, Mr. President.

16 On behalf of the
17 Minority Leader, I do move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

24 All those in favor

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2 signify by saying aye.

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

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

12 THE CLERK: A privileged
13 resolution honoring the Black Brain
14 Campaign for a decade of dedicated
15 work to destigmatize mental health
16 in the Black community by providing
17 mental health services and
18 culturally competent training for
19 clinicians. Introduced by
20 Councilmember Cindy Bass on behalf
21 of Council President Johnson.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

24 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a

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2 motion on the resolution.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 I move for the adoption
6 of the resolution.

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 Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Anthony Phillips.

23 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

24 I'm good (inaudible).

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: Okay. I got you.

4 Understood. I understand. I
5 understand. Say less.

6 Chair recognizes

7 Mr. Clerk. Please read the
8 resolution please.

9 THE CLERK: A privileged
10 resolution celebrating the 50th
11 anniversary of the Philadelphia
12 Police Department's "Women in
13 Patrol" and honoring five decades
14 of women's service and leadership
15 in law enforcement. Introduced by
16 Councilmember Cindy Bass on behalf
17 of Council President Johnson.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
21 motion on the resolution.

22 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 On your behalf, I move

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2 for the adoption of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

6 properly seconded that the

7 resolution be adopted.

8 All those in favor

9 signify by saying aye.

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

16 resolution is adopted.

17 For the record, Member

18 Jones, are you on that resolution,

19 sir?

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Yes,

21 sir.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you very

24 much.

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2 Chief Clerk, please read
3 the title of the resolution please.

4 THE CLERK: A privileged
5 resolution recognizing and honoring
6 the National Council of Negro
7 Women, Inc. (NCNW) for its
8 unwavering commitment to empowering
9 women, strengthening families,
10 advancing educational and economic
11 opportunities, promoting health
12 equity, advocating for social
13 justice, and uplifting communities.
14 Introduced by Councilmember Cindy
15 Bass.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
17 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes the
18 Councilmember Cindy Bass for a
19 motion on the resolution.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:
21 Thank you, Mr. President.

22 I move for the adoption
23 of the resolution.

24 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

3 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the
5 resolution be adopted.

6 All those in favor
7 signify by saying aye.

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The
14 resolution is adopted.

15 Chief Clerk, please read
16 the title of the next resolution.

17 THE CLERK: A privileged
18 resolution recognizing October 2026
19 as National Breast Cancer Awareness
20 Month in the City of Philadelphia
21 and honoring survivors, advocates
22 and all those affected by breast
23 cancer. Introduced by
24 Councilmember Nina Ahmad on behalf

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2 of Council President Johnson.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

4 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes

5 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad for a

6 motion on the resolution.

7 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

8 Thank you, Council President.

9 I move for the adoption

10 of the resolution on your behalf.

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: Anyone opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

23 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

24 resolution is adopted.

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2 Mr. Clerk, please read
3 the title of the resolution.

4 THE CLERK: A privileged
5 resolution recognizing October 2026
6 as Vision Awareness Month in the
7 City of Philadelphia and honoring
8 Overbrook School for the Blind
9 leadership in advancing education,
10 technology and access for
11 individuals who are blind or
12 visually impaired. Introduced by
13 Councilmember Nina Ahmad.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT
15 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad for a
17 motion on the resolution.

18 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:
19 Thank you, Council President.

20 This was co-introduced
21 with Councilmember Jones. I move
22 for the adoption of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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2 JOHNSON: It has been moved and
3 properly seconded that the
4 resolution be adopted.

5 All those in favor
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

12 JOHNSON: The ayes have it and the
13 resolution is adopted.

14 Mr. Clerk, please read
15 the title of the resolution.

16 THE CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution authorizing the
18 Committee on Public Health and
19 Human Services to hold hearings to
20 investigate the impacts of
21 reductions to Medicaid coverage
22 under H.R. 1 on Philadelphia
23 residents, our healthcare
24 providers, and service

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2 organizations, and to examine the
3 City of Philadelphia's strategy and
4 preparedness to address those
5 impacts. Introduced by
6 Councilmember Nina Ahmad.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
9 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmad for a
10 motion on the resolution.

11 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

12 Thank you, Council President.

13 I move for the adoption
14 of the resolution.

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?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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

6 I just want to say,
7 Dr. Ahmad, that's good work because
8 the cuts actually start today,
9 October 1st, for SNAP and Medicaid.
10 So we have our work cut out for us.
11 But local government is on the
12 front line so we will meet the
13 moment.

14 Mr. Clerk, please read
15 the title of the resolution, sir.

16 THE CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution recognizing October 2026
18 as Menopause Awareness Month in the
19 City of Philadelphia to affirm the
20 importance of ending the stigma and
21 cultural silence surrounding
22 menopause and to acknowledge it as
23 a natural biological process that
24 significantly impacts the physical

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2 and emotional well-being of many
3 individuals. Introduced by
4 Councilmember Nina Ahmad.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

6 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
7 Councilmember Dr. Nina Ahmed for a
8 motion on the resolution.

9 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

10 Thank you, Mr. President.

11 I move for the adoption
12 of 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

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

4 Mr. Clerk, any other
5 resolutions?

6 THE CLERK: There are no
7 further resolutions in my
8 possession, Council President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
11 That concludes our Calendar for
12 today.

13 Are there any speeches
14 on behalf of the Minority?

15 Chair recognizes
16 Councilmember Nicolas O'Rourke.

17 COUNCILMAN O'ROURKE:
18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 Really brief --
20 actually, I didn't even have a
21 speech today, but I did want to
22 remark since you made the point
23 around Medicaid and SNAP getting
24 cut today. I want to appreciate

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2 the entire Committee on the
3 Innovative Economy that joined us
4 yesterday for our Cost of Living
5 Report hearing. This report is a
6 product of the Cost of Living Task
7 Force of the City Council of
8 Philadelphia.

9 Now, in my two and a
10 half, almost three years being in
11 this body, I've learned a little
12 bit about government and I respect
13 that. Many of us find our lanes
14 and we can get territorial about
15 our lanes. But in light of that
16 context, I wanted to make sure that
17 I clarified that this report is not
18 a Nic project.

19 This report, as I was
20 explaining to Councilman Phillips,
21 this report is a grab bag. If
22 there is anybody in this body that
23 sees something in there that you
24 feel like you can get with, maybe

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2 there's a piece in there that you
3 can't, there's some other parts
4 that you can, please have at it.
5 The idea is that these are experts
6 who are experienced in their work,
7 that have put in over a year's
8 worth of time compiling this report
9 that identifies what is in each one
10 of those categories, driving up the
11 cost of living. And there's about
12 3 or 4 actionable policy ideas to
13 help drive it back down.

14 Not one single thing
15 will do it if we did it across the
16 board, like kind of a unilateral
17 approach, maybe 5 or 6 at that
18 time, that could actually help
19 bring it down. I just want to
20 clarify again, this isn't just for
21 me and my little trophy. This is
22 what the Council of the City of
23 Philadelphia is offering as it
24 relates to addressing the cost of

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2 living and affordability in the
3 City of Philadelphia.

4 Thank you,
5 Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

7 JOHNSON: Thank you. Job well done
8 as well.

9 Speeches on behalf of
10 the Majority.

11 Chair recognizes
12 Councilmember Anthony Phillips. He
13 ain't turn off that light either.
14 It's like 20 minutes ago, but
15 learned from the best. Go ahead,
16 Dr. Anthony Phillips, sir. The
17 floor is yours.

18 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS:

19 Thank you, Council President.

20 And greetings to my
21 colleagues and, most importantly,
22 to all of our neighbors across
23 Philadelphia, especially our 9th
24 District. Last month Rutgers

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2 University released research
3 showing that something alarming is
4 happening. 70% of mice in
5 Philadelphia region now carry
6 genetic mutations that make them
7 resistant to poison, where we've
8 experienced this for a lot of
9 decades. Rats are now in the
10 Northeast. Rats aren't mutating
11 the same way, but they're evolving
12 just as fast.

13 So we're learning to --
14 they're learning to avoid traps and
15 they're getting smarter by the day.
16 Pest control companies in our city
17 are running seven days a week,
18 fully booked and they're still
19 barely keeping up. This is not a
20 minor problem. This is an
21 epidemic. The science is clear.
22 Poisons alone are no longer the
23 answer. Experts tell us it will
24 take years to develop new

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2 pesticides.

3 So what do we do? Right

4 now we have to go back to the

5 basics. Prevention, sanitation,

6 removing the conditions where these

7 rodents thrive. That's why this

8 resolution I introduced today

9 demands that we do something

10 different. We're calling on the

11 Department of Public Health to

12 treat this like the public health

13 emergency it is.

14 We're calling on

15 Licenses and Inspections to enforce

16 our sanitation codes with real

17 teeth, declaring it an emergency,

18 not continuing to give people these

19 cure periods. Notify them that

20 we're in an emergency. Let them

21 know that they have a week or so to

22 get it together, and any condition

23 that is causing rodents to happen

24 deserves an immediate fine, and it

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2 needs to stick and needs to stay.

3 There's no more 90-day cure period,

4 60-day cure period, fix it.

5 In addition to that,

6 we're calling on Sanitation to get

7 the resources it needs to remove

8 food and shelter that attract these

9 rodents in the first place. We can

10 no longer just have a few bad

11 actors on the block who continue to

12 put their trash out in the back, in

13 the front, cause disruption for the

14 good actors in our neighbors who

15 are suffering through this rodent

16 problem in the Northeast.

17 So this isn't about

18 blame. It's about accepting that

19 our old playbook in the City of

20 Philadelphia to take down rodents

21 and rats is not working. And we

22 got to act smarter. So we're

23 asking for clear responsibilities,

24 clear metrics, and public reporting

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2 on what's happening. I expect the
3 team from Public Health, Licenses
4 and Inspections and Sanitation to
5 go out in the Northeast within the
6 next week or so with a blitz
7 saying, here's what we're going to
8 do. I'm not saying -- don't tell
9 me what block.

10 I'm saying the entire
11 Oxford Circle literally, literally
12 educating people on what needs to
13 be done, doing an abatement plan
14 and then following up to make sure
15 that this is clean, safe and
16 habitable. If this is happening in
17 certain areas of the city, they
18 would be in a rush in a barnstorm.
19 There's no reason why one area of
20 the city should suffer like this
21 for a long period of time. It has
22 to happen. So let's show them what
23 a problem is, the city that we're
24 serious about it. And I hope that

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2 we have some urgency and

3 intelligence to this rat problem in

4 Oxford Circle and Castor Gardens.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

8 JOHNSON: Thank you.

9 Chair recognizes Member

10 Jones.

11 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank

12 you for that, Member Phillips.

13 It's the little things that take

14 care of the big things that we have

15 to pay attention to.

16 President Johnson,

17 members of this body, and those of

18 you who are paying attention out in

19 the community, we had an

20 opportunity to have a wonderful

21 State of the Union address in the

22 4th District. We represent about

23 157,000 people. Senator Hughes,

24 Amen Brown, Morgan Cephas, Tarik

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2 Khan and Roni Green were at that
3 town hall. All of the things that
4 you are doing here fit within that
5 microcosm of my district.

6 And the way we want to
7 fit them in, President, is in four
8 quarters. I talk about this all
9 the time. There's the seniors. We
10 are looking at legislation on
11 senior safety, which includes a
12 security guard in the lobby or a
13 camera with a live eye on it,
14 protecting those individuals from
15 9:00 to 6:00 a.m., 9:00 p.m. to
16 6:00 a.m. That's one aspect of it.

17 A manifest, that when
18 someone comes in looking at Auntie,
19 they know which ones are the
20 departments where people have
21 mobility issues so that if the
22 lights go out and the fire is
23 going, let's go to that apartment
24 first to save that individual,

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2 common sense.

3 The third quarter are
4 people who are in the workforce
5 already. I call them ALICE, Access
6 Limited, Income Constricted and
7 Employed, the working poor. They
8 worked all their life. They're
9 trying to maintain their assets,
10 people in Overbrook Park that can't
11 qualify for a lot of the housing
12 programs that we passed that they
13 pay for, they can't get. So they
14 have to make critical decisions on
15 how to maintain their properties.
16 We want to look out for that
17 quarter. So I'm looking to work
18 with those in the housing space to
19 make sure that if you make \$2 more,
20 let's figure out how to get them
21 in.

22 The second quarter are
23 young people that are entering the
24 workforce, I'm looking at you,

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2 Caroline, that have entered the
3 workforce that want to enjoy a
4 quality of life similar, if not
5 better, than their parents. They
6 want to be able to afford a
7 mortgage. They want to be able to
8 afford a meal. They want to be
9 able to afford the cost of living.

10 And when we start
11 talking about minimum wage, the
12 minimum wage for the state of
13 Pennsylvania is \$7 plus. Who can
14 live off of that? So we want to
15 look out for them to make sure that
16 they have opportunities to live a
17 life that their parents had.

18 The first quarter, first
19 quarter, precious babies are in the
20 education space, Member Thomas.
21 They should be able to know that my
22 school will be open in June, that
23 Lankenau will be open in June, that
24 Overbrook Elementary will be there

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2 for them, because of nothing they
3 have done other than perform
4 excellently. 100% graduation rates
5 at Overbrook. Where do they do
6 that at, where they do that at, at
7 Overbrook.

8 And so, we need to not
9 fix what ain't broke. We should be
10 leery of closures of schools that
11 are based on opportunities to
12 develop. We're going to pay
13 attention and put them in those
14 four categories. My name is Kurt
15 Jones. You got my word on it.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,
19 Member Jones.

20 Chair recognizes
21 Councilmember -- and very well
22 said. Chair recognizes
23 Councilmember Jim Harrity.

24 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

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2 Thank you, Council President.

3 I'm glad that we're
4 talking about rats now. I've been
5 talking about them in Kensington
6 for a while. Maybe now that they
7 made it up to the Northeast, we
8 might get some help down
9 in Kensington --

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

11 JOHNSON: You notice he ain't say
12 Mt. Airy in --

13 COUNCILMAN HARRITY:

14 Yeah, exactly.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: He ain't talk about that.

17 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: If
18 I would have known that's all it
19 would take, I would have brought
20 some of my Kensington rats up to
21 the Northeast. But you definitely
22 don't want the rats we got.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: That's right.

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2 COUNCILMAN HARRITY: All

3 joking aside, Saturday, October 3,

4 2026 at 8:00 a.m., check-in at

5 7:00 a.m., we have the Smokin' Joe

6 Frazier Walk, Run, Roll. Baby,

7 come out. A stronger Philadelphia

8 moves forward. We all are welcome.

9 Come out and support the Frazier

10 Foundation. You know, as the Champ

11 said himself, I fought for my city,

12 I fought for my people, I never

13 backed down. Let's show him some

14 respect and get out there and walk,

15 run and roll October 3rd, Saturday.

16 Thank you, Council

17 President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

19 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

20 Councilmember Rue Landau.

21 COUNCILWOMAN LANDAU:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 Today I was proud to

24 introduce two resolutions in

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2 support of Philadelphia's LGBTQ+
3 community. National Coming Out Day
4 is a moment each year where the
5 LGBTQ+ community and our allies
6 celebrate living as your authentic
7 self, reflecting on how far we've
8 come, the fight for equity and
9 committing to a future where
10 everyone is free to be who they are
11 and who they love.

12 Each queer person's
13 coming out story is personal, but
14 sadly, not every story ends with
15 affirmations from loved ones. As
16 Philadelphia's first openly LGBTQ+
17 member of City Council, I want to
18 remind anyone who has come out,
19 anyone who plans to come out one
20 day or anyone who is still coming
21 to terms with their identity, you
22 belong, you are worthwhile and you
23 have community here in
24 Philadelphia.

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2 Right now the ACLU is
3 tracking 5531 anti-LGBTQ+ bills in
4 the U.S. In 2026, 63 bills
5 targeting our trans and non-binary
6 residents have passed in this
7 country. My straight and cisgender
8 colleagues, I know you stand with
9 me as allies in the fight for
10 LGBTQ+ equity. But remember that
11 just because Philly is loud and
12 proud to be queer, the same cannot
13 be said across the country and
14 across the Commonwealth. And it is
15 our duty as elected officials to
16 stand up against this kind of
17 hateful legislation. Fostering
18 inclusivity and reject hate and
19 bigotry as the norm.

20 This leads to why I
21 introduced my other resolution
22 recognizing October as LGBTQ+
23 History Month in Philadelphia from
24 the annual reminders outside

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2 Independence Hall in the 1960s to
3 the first Gay Pride March in 1972,
4 to the passage of extensive anti-
5 discrimination laws, Philadelphia
6 has fought for our rights.

7 It's why I'm even able
8 to sit up here today as a proudly
9 out Councilmember. This is the
10 City of Brotherly Love, Sisterly
11 Affection and Sibling Solidarity.
12 And no homophobic or anti-trans
13 rhetoric at the federal level or
14 even right here in Philadelphia is
15 going to change that.

16 Thank you to Mayor
17 Deuso, the first openly trans mayor
18 in the Commonwealth, both for
19 coming out, for being part of our
20 state's history and for all you've
21 done, not just for Downtown, but
22 for all of us.

23 And today I was also
24 proud to introduce a resolution

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2 recognizing October 4th to 10th as
3 Digital Inclusion Week in the City
4 of Philadelphia. In today's modern
5 world, digital equity, digital
6 literacy and digital equity
7 solutions are just a few of the
8 technology barriers residents can
9 face. Too many Philadelphians deal
10 with barriers when it comes to
11 accessing resources and tools
12 online due to limited resources and
13 access.

14 In order to live, learn
15 and work, digital inclusion must be
16 a part of creating a better
17 Philadelphia for all. Thank you to
18 Jonathan Latko from Temple
19 University and to Kate Rivera from
20 TLC for speaking to the importance
21 of this value during public comment
22 today.

23 And additionally, I
24 introduced a resolution recognizing

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2 this October as Cybersecurity
3 Awareness Month in Philadelphia.
4 Data privacy is a massive concern
5 for our city and consumers and,
6 lack thereof, puts Philadelphians
7 at risk. Please use this month as
8 a reminder to stay alert, update
9 your passwords and enable
10 protections like multi-factor
11 authentication on all devices.
12 Don't let your personal information
13 fall at risk. Thank you very much
14 for your time.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: Thank you, Rue.

17 Chair recognizes

18 Dr. Nina Ahmad.

19 COUNCILWOMAN AHMAD:

20 Thank you, Council President.

21 Let me start by saying
22 today is about access. Access for
23 our most vulnerable, access for
24 those who silently suffer, access

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2 for those of us who move through
3 the world with unique needs that
4 are never met, which is why I
5 introduced a privileged resolution
6 today. And I thank my colleagues
7 for voting to pass this to
8 authorize the Committee on Public
9 Health and Human Services to hold
10 hearings to explore the impacts of
11 reductions to Medicaid under H.R. 1
12 on Philadelphia's healthcare
13 providers and service
14 organizations.

15 As of today, H.R. 1,
16 state governments are now
17 responsible for 75% of
18 administrative costs as of October
19 1st, compared to 50% in the past.
20 A 25% increase in administrative
21 costs is significant and a heavy
22 lift for any government. This is
23 an act of moral cruelty and one
24 which will hurt many

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2 Philadelphians, including 1.4
3 million immigrants here legally who
4 are expected to lose their benefits
5 under these cuts.

6 Access is also why I
7 introduced a resolution recognizing
8 October 2026 as Menopause Awareness
9 Month in Philadelphia. Along with
10 this resolution, my Bill No. 250849
11 goes into effect starting January
12 1, 2027. The purpose of today's
13 resolution and all my work
14 regarding menopause and
15 menstruation is to end the culture
16 of stigma and silence around these
17 issues, and to give people access
18 to the support and care they need
19 to live their full lives. These
20 are natural processes and so many
21 of us go through that. It is about
22 time we normalize it.

23 My final piece of
24 legislation was a resolution I

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2 co-introduced with Councilmember
3 Curtis Jones to recognize October
4 2026 as Vision Awareness Month in
5 Philadelphia and honors the
6 Overbrook School for Blind.
7 Organizations like Overbrook lead
8 the way in advancing education,
9 technology and access for
10 individuals with vision impairment.
11 And I'm thankful for the work we
12 do.

13 Lastly, but not least, I
14 want to say we need to save the
15 Academy of Natural Sciences. As of
16 yesterday, Drexel formally closed
17 the Public Museum of the Academy.
18 And they currently claim that the
19 Academy is not actually closed.
20 Only the public museum is closed.
21 Let me know this -- there is much
22 more to come. This is effectively
23 the closure of the museum. And we
24 cannot let anyone use public

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2 relations messages to get their way
3 out of this.

4 The Legislative
5 Oversight Committee hearing is
6 scheduled on October 7th to explore
7 how the Academy's public museum
8 came to be at risk and put the
9 conversation on public record to
10 make sure all of the hundreds of
11 emails and phone calls we are
12 getting from people who are deeply,
13 deeply upset to know what exactly
14 happened and we owe it to
15 Philadelphia.

16 With that, I yield back
17 my time. Thank you, Council
18 President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

20 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.

21 Chair recognizes
22 Councilmember Jeffrey Jay Young.

23 COUNCILMAN YOUNG: Thank
24 you, Mr. President.

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2 I first want to echo

3 some of the sentiments of my

4 colleague regarding the Academy.

5 We took my son there on Sunday just

6 to visit the Academy. And we ended

7 up in the protest march from the

8 Academy to City Hall to keep that

9 place open. And it was a real

10 lesson that I got to teach my son,

11 while we were out there, the

12 importance of those learning

13 institutions.

14 And I was talking to

15 grown adults. And they just turned

16 and looked, who had no idea who I

17 was, right, I'm just in this space.

18 They were just thanking me for

19 teaching my son and showing my son

20 those lessons, the importance of

21 these types of spaces. And a grown

22 man turned to me and said -- he

23 started crying. He started crying

24 because of what that institution

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2 means to him.

3 And I was there with my
4 son and my wife. My wife looked at
5 me, we looked at each other and she
6 basically said, you got to do
7 something, right, you got to do
8 something. So I know it all comes
9 down to economics. But there are
10 ways that we can help and there is
11 help that was offered.

12 So looking forward to
13 the conversation continuing about
14 how we can help this institution
15 maintain its public-facing space.
16 Because that is what I am fighting
17 for as a member of City Council,
18 fighting for the public good of
19 that space. And we want to make
20 sure that the public can continue
21 to have access to that learning
22 space.

23 Because again, that
24 space is the first space in the

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2 country to have the dinosaurs
3 erect, right, like the first place
4 in the country, you know, to have
5 some of these artifacts. And as we
6 are celebrating the 250th year of
7 America, it's just sad that we see
8 the closing of an institution like
9 the Academy of Natural Sciences.

10 And we know that there
11 are issues, right. There are
12 financial issues. But I think
13 again we can work around that, work
14 through that to ensure that these
15 learning spaces are protected here
16 in our city.

17 I also want to honor
18 again and recognize Mr. Samuel
19 Staten, Jr. here in City Council as
20 we presented him with the
21 resolution and street sign,
22 officially renaming the street
23 today in his honor. This
24 designation is to honor his life,

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2 his leadership and his enduring
3 contributions, not only just to
4 organize labor here in the City of
5 Philadelphia, but to working
6 families to the people of the City
7 of Philadelphia.

8 Because if you saw the
9 people who were standing up behind
10 us there, they weren't members of
11 the Union, right. They were
12 Philadelphians that, again as I
13 mentioned, keep this city going.
14 They are nonprofit leaders.
15 They're community leaders, right.
16 They are people who believe in this
17 city and people who Mr. Staten has
18 invested in through his leadership
19 to make sure our city continues to
20 thrive. So I want to thank
21 everyone who joined him today.
22 Your presence again speaks volumes
23 of the lasting impact of his
24 leadership.

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2 And Mr. Staten, thank
3 you for your service and thank you
4 for your commitment to working
5 people here in the City of
6 Philadelphia. We all heard your
7 story today. And it's a privilege
8 to help ensure that your
9 contributions are permanently
10 recognized by the city.

11 Today we also introduced
12 a resolution honoring Lieutenant
13 Greg Brown on his retirement. We
14 heard some of the words of former
15 Mayor John Street had to speak
16 about Lieutenant Brown. I want to
17 thank him for his service and
18 recognize him for his commitment,
19 40 years of his commitment to the
20 Philadelphia Police Department and
21 serving our city.

22 There's always talk
23 about police officers in the city
24 and reforming police. Well, you

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2 can't reform something without
3 understanding what it is, right.
4 And having a friend like Lieutenant
5 Brown, to really understand that
6 police are our folks. They're our
7 people, they're our friends.
8 They're our community. And we need
9 to be able to understand how those
10 institutions work so we can reform
11 them to make sure that our
12 communities stay protected. So
13 again, congratulations to
14 Lieutenant Brown. I wish you and
15 your family all the best as you
16 begin this next chapter in your
17 retirement.

18 We unfortunately had to
19 postpone the street renaming for
20 Coach Ham of Ben Franklin due to
21 weather. We can't predict the
22 weather, but we are working on a
23 new date. We're going to be
24 celebrating this legendary coach,

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2 this mentor, this educator. This
3 remains a priority for me so I want
4 to let all those who love him know
5 that we are working on a new date.

6 But in the spirit, I
7 remember Councilmember Jones
8 mentioned, you know, sharing Lemon
9 Hill today. In the spirit of that
10 sharing, this Saturday, October 3rd
11 is Norf Philly Day: The Family
12 Reunion. It is at Chalmers Park at
13 29th and Chalmers and 29th and
14 Lehigh, which is actually in the
15 4th Council District, in that
16 spirit of sharing, Mr. President.
17 And I partnered again with
18 Councilmember Cindy Bass,
19 Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.,
20 Councilmember Brooks supporting us
21 as well, with All In The Family
22 CDC, Shadow Trax Media Arts.

23 This is a celebration of
24 North Philly, of the people, the

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2 culture, the businesses, the
3 community organizations. We've had
4 over 150 vendors who are
5 registered. There will be free
6 food and there are performances
7 throughout the day. We have
8 headline performances, Zay Money
9 who actually just met President
10 Bill Clinton. We have the Philly
11 Destiny Band. We have something
12 for all ages again.

13 So if you're a
14 Millennial or an older Millennial,
15 we have singer Res. And if you're
16 one of my old heads, we have the
17 Philly Intruders for you as well.
18 So we have some folks for all
19 generations of the City of
20 Philadelphia in North Philly. So
21 come on out, bring your friends,
22 bring your family to come celebrate
23 Norf Philly Day with us. That is
24 this Saturday, again from 12:00 to

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2 7:00. And we are bringing back the
3 wrestling that we had again as
4 well. So it's going to be a great
5 time this Saturday.

6 I know there are a lot
7 of things happening in North Philly
8 on Saturday for the community, but
9 it's to bring community out, to
10 bring community together to
11 fellowship, to get to know each
12 other again, right, to talk amongst
13 each other, again to celebrate
14 being in North Philly. And so, as
15 you know the weather postponed our
16 original date, but we are bringing
17 this back this Saturday again, Norf
18 Philly Day, Chalmers Playground.
19 Come on out.

20 But before I'm heading
21 to Chalmers on Saturday, I'll be in
22 Fairmount where we have a street
23 renaming after Councilmember Bill
24 Greenlee. Bill Greenlee is someone

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2 who has always been a supporter of
3 our community. It will be an
4 opportunity to recognize his years
5 of public service and his lasting
6 contributions to Philadelphia and
7 to the Fairmount community. So I
8 look forward to joining his family,
9 his colleagues and neighbors for
10 this celebration.

11 And last but not least,
12 Mr. Council President, next week,
13 next Tuesday, October 6th, from
14 5:00 to 7:00 at Lab Charter School,
15 926 Sedgley, we are continuing our
16 Quality of Life Town Hall Series,
17 where these meetings give community
18 an opportunity to speak directly to
19 representatives from city
20 departments, our partner
21 organizations, speak to me directly
22 as we discuss public safety,
23 sanitation, neighborhood
24 cleanliness, L&I and Streets

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2 concerns as well as property taxes
3 here in the city.

4 It's going to be
5 followed by an open question-and-
6 answer session. And again, the
7 questions are to me and other city
8 departments. So I encourage any
9 neighbor to attend. Bring your
10 questions and help us identify the
11 issues that need attention in your
12 community.

13 Mayor Street mentioned
14 constituent services as the bread
15 and butter as the backbone of what
16 we do. Well, this is what we're
17 doing, bringing the service
18 directly to you in these
19 neighborhoods with our Quality of
20 Life Town Hall Series. So again,
21 October 6th will be at Lab Charter
22 School at 926 Sedgley. October
23 14th, we're going to be at
24 Hartranft School. So please mark

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2 your calendars. Your input helps
3 us guide the work that we do in the
4 5th Council District to improve
5 your quality of life.

6 Thank you,
7 Mr. President.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

9 JOHNSON: Thank you very much.
10 Very well done.

11 As there are no more
12 speeches, the Chair recognizes the
13 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
14 motion to adjourn.

15 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

16 Thank you, Council President.

17 I move that Council
18 stands adjourned until Thurs --

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

20 (Inaudible).

21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Oh,
22 I'm sorry.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

24 JOHNSON: Chair -- oh, I'm sorry.

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2 Chair recognizes Councilmember

3 Cindy Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

5 Thank you, Mr. President. I won't
6 be long at all.

7 I just wanted to let
8 everyone know --

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

10 JOHNSON: You just pressed that
11 jawn though --

12 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I'm
13 sorry?

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

15 JOHNSON: I've been watching for a
16 while, but go ahead.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: I
18 just wanted to let everyone know
19 that our street renaming ceremony
20 for former Councilmember Donna Reed
21 Miller of course was rained out
22 last week. And at the request of
23 the family, it is likely that we're
24 going to be doing that some time

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2 next spring. So I just wanted to
3 let everyone know that.

4 And also, the ribbon-
5 cutting that we had scheduled also
6 for last week due to the rain was
7 postponed and will be some time
8 this fall. We will get a new date
9 and make sure everyone is aware.

10 Thank you,
11 Mr. President.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Thank you very much,
14 Deputy Whip Bass.

15 Any other speeches?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

18 JOHNSON: Chair recognizes
19 Councilmember Isaiah Thomas for a
20 motion to adjourn.

21 COUNCILMAN THOMAS:

22 Thank you, Council President.

23 I move that Council
24 stands adjourned until Thursday,

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2 October 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

5 JOHNSON: It has been moved and

6 properly seconded that Council

7 stands adjourned on Thursday,

8 October 8th at 10:00 a.m.

9 All those in favor

10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

13 JOHNSON: Anyone opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

16 JOHNSON: The ayes have it. The

17 motion carries. Thank you all very

18 much.

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21 adjourned at 1:35 p.m.)

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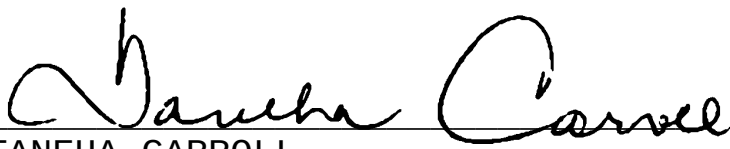
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

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Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

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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**260741****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution also naming the 1400 Block of Thompson Street as "Samuel Staten Jr. Way" to honor the life, leadership, and enduring contributions of Samuel Staten Jr. to organized labor, working families, and the City of Philadelphia.

260766**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 200 Block of South 50th Street as "Monumental Way" to honor the legacy and impact of the Monumental Baptist Church on the Walnut Hill community.

260767**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution recognizing "Black Bottom" as the first and official name of the neighborhood in West Philadelphia bounded by 32nd Street to the east, 40th Street to the west, University Avenue to the south, and Lancaster Avenue to the north; ensuring that future communication or action on the part of the City of Philadelphia acknowledge this community's importance to our City.

260769**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution renaming the 5600 Block of Woodbine Avenue as "James A. Reed Way" to honor the life, legacy, and lasting contributions of James A. "Jim" Reed to the City of Philadelphia.

260770**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau for Council President Johnson

Resolution urging the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to withdraw the proposed amendments to their Community Reinvestment Act rules, which would roll back anti-redlining standards and weaken banking services to low- and moderate-income communities while threatening investments in affordable housing and community development.

260774**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution also renaming the 1200 Block of North LeCount Street “Derrick ‘Phat Geez’ Gant Way” to honor the life and legacy of Derrick Tawheed Haleem Gant, a Philadelphia recording artist and beloved member of the North Philadelphia community.

260779**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution unequivocally standing with unionized workers by endorsing the boycott of Starbucks called for by Workers United-SEIU by encouraging residents, neighboring local councils, and Philadelphia City Council to refrain from purchasing Starbucks products until Starbucks finalizes a fair union contract.

260780**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Driscoll

Resolution also naming the 3300 Block of Solly Ave as ‘Father Judge 27 Way’ to honor the 27 graduates of Father Judge High School who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS 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.

260076**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

An Ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Philadelphia Child Welfare Commission; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

RESOLUTIONS

260802**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

Resolution honoring and Congratulating the Independence Blue Cross Foundation on the Occasion of Its Fifteenth Anniversary.

260803**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Resolution congratulating Daniel Hilferty, Michelle Singer, the Board of Directors and the entire Philadelphia Soccer 2026 team for their successful planning and execution of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Philadelphia.

260804**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution recognizing October 5, 2026, through October 9, 2026, as the City of Philadelphia's Maximizing Economic Development (MED) Week: Celebrating Small and Local Businesses, a focused week of programming providing small and local businesses throughout Philadelphia's neighborhoods and commercial corridors with access to key information and resources.

260805**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing National Coming Out Day on October 11, 2026 in the City of Philadelphia.

260806**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing October 2026 as LGBTQ+ History Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring the activists, advocates, and members of the LGBTQ+ community who continue to fight for civil rights and equality.

260807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing October 4 to October 10, 2026, as Digital Inclusion Week in the City of Philadelphia.

260808**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution recognizing October 2026 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia, and acknowledging the importance of empowering individuals and organizations to prevent and recognize online threats, providing resources to protect sensitive data, and fostering a culture of digital safety by educating the public on best practices.

260809**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution honoring and recognizing Lieutenant Gregory A. Brown, Sr. on the occasion of his retirement from the Philadelphia Police Department and commending him for forty years of exemplary public service

260810**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke for Councilmember Brooks

Resolution honoring, commending, and congratulating Marni Gangel on the occasion of her retirement from the Defender Association of Philadelphia, celebrating her extraordinary career and enduring commitment to justice, reproductive rights, and the children and families of our City.

260811**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke for Councilmember Brooks

Resolution recognizing October 12, 2026 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in the City of Philadelphia, honoring and commemorating the achievements, traditions, and contributions of American Indians, also known as “Indigenous peoples”; and affirming the City’s commitment to historical truth, cultural respect, education, and partnership with Indigenous communities.

260812**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass for Council President Johnson

Resolution honoring the Black Brain Campaign for a decade of dedicated work to destigmatize mental health in the Black community by providing mental health services and culturally competent training for clinicians.

260813**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Philadelphia Police Department’s “Women in Patrol” and honoring five decades of women’s service and leadership in law enforcement.

260814**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution recognizing and honoring the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) for its unwavering commitment to empowering women, strengthening families, advancing educational and economic opportunities, promoting health equity, advocating for social justice, and uplifting communities

260815**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad for Council President Johnson

Resolution recognizing October 2026 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring survivors, advocates, and all those affected by breast cancer.

260816**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing October 2026 as Vision Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia and honoring Overbrook School for the Blind's leadership in advancing education, technology, and access for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

260817**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to investigate the impacts of reductions to Medicaid coverage under H.R. 1 on Philadelphia residents, our healthcare providers, and service organizations, and to examine the City of Philadelphia's strategy and preparedness to address those impacts.

260818**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Ahmad

Resolution recognizing October 2026 as Menopause Awareness Month in the City of Philadelphia, to affirm the importance of ending the stigma and cultural silence surrounding menopause, and to acknowledge it as a natural biological process that significantly impacts the physical and emotional well-being of many individuals.