

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
Room 402, City Hall  
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 041059)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's Committee on Public Property and Public Works to hold public hearings on the development and implementation of public and private strategies for the renovation and use of the underutilized areas of City Hall.

WHEREAS, City Hall is a National Historic Landmark and is America's largest and most elaborate City Hall; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, there has been \$125 million in capital improvements to the exterior of the City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Several interior areas of the building have deteriorated to the degree that they are no longer useable; and

WHEREAS, Because City Hall no longer houses the criminal courts or various other administrative offices, the underutilized spaces could be renovated for commercial and/or cultural uses; and

WHEREAS, The estimated costs for a complete renovation of the interior could range in the millions of dollars and should not be the sole burden of the taxpayers of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the City Controller proposed several public and private strategies for the restoration of City Hall which included tapping federal historic renovation tax credits and private fund-raising; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of those proposed strategies and/or other innovative strategies could help transform Philadelphia's signature building into an enhanced tourist magnet and an improved City asset; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council's Committee on Public Property and Public Works hold public hearings on the development and implementation of public and private strategies for the renovation and use of the underutilized areas of City Hall.

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*RESOLUTION NO. 041059 continued*

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the second of December, 2004.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

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