

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090541)

## RESOLUTION

Supporting the City of Chicago in bringing the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad to the United States.

**WHEREAS**, Philadelphia competed against Chicago and other American cities to be selected by the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”) as America’s finalist to be submitted to the International Olympic Committee as the host city for the XXX (30<sup>th</sup>) Olympiad (“2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games”); and

**WHEREAS**, On April 14, 2007, the USOC selected Chicago as its finalist and in response Joe Torsella, Chairman of the Philadelphia Sports Congress’ Olympic & International Sports Project stated that “Philadelphia is 100% behind Chicago being selected by the US Olympic Committee as the U.S. bid city for the 2016 Games;” and

**WHEREAS**, On June 4, 2008, the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) selected Chicago, Tokyo, Madrid, and Rio de Janeiro as the final four cities that will compete to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and, on October 2, 2009, the IOC will announce its selection of the host city for the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad; and

**WHEREAS**, Philadelphia supports Chicago’s proposal to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and the spirit, principles, and ideals embodied in the Olympic Charter and the development of community that will result from athletes throughout the world joining together to compete at the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad and respects the Olympic Charter and Host City Contract; and

**WHEREAS**, Philadelphia supports Chicago’s vision for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in that it celebrates the Olympic Movement’s power to unite all humanity and supports its goal of using the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad to create a legacy that will inspire young people to reach for a better life through Olympic and Paralympic sport; and

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**WHEREAS**, Philadelphia supports Chicago in discouraging ambush marketing and price gouging and making the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games affordable for all and in insuring that any construction work commenced or overseen will comply with local, regional, and national environmental regulations and acts and international agreements and protocols regarding planning, construction, and protection of the environment; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**, That we hereby support the City of Chicago in bringing the 30<sup>th</sup> Olympiad to the United States.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented representatives of Chicago and Chicago 2016 as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth of June, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Clarke and Tasco, DiCicco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Clarke, Tasco, DiCicco, Greenlee, Jones, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Miller, O'Neill, Sanchez, Kenney, Blackwell, Rizzo and Green