



**Monday, January 7, 2008**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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4 INVESTITURE OF CITY COUNCIL  
ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL

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6 INAUGURATION OF HONORABLE MICHAEL A. NUTTER,  
MAYOR, INVESTITURE OF MEMBERS OF THE  
7 JUDICIARY, CLERK OF QUARTER SESSIONS COURT,  
CITY COMMISSIONERS, REGISTER OF WILLS, SHERIFF  
AND JUDGES OF TRAFFIC COURT

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9 Academy of Music  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Monday, January 7, 2008  
10:00 a.m.

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11 PRESENT:

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA  
13 COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL  
14 COUNCILMAN DARRELL L. CLARKE  
15 COUNCILMAN FRANK DiCICCO  
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.  
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREEN  
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM GREENLEE  
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.  
COUNCILMAN JACK KELLY

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16 COUNCILMAN JAMES F. KENNEY  
COUNCILWOMAN JOAN L. KRAJEWSKI  
17 COUNCILWOMAN DONNA REED MILLER  
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL  
18 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA QUINONES SANCHEZ  
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN  
19 COUNCILMAN FRANK RIZZO  
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO  
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PATRICIA RAFFERTY, CHIEF CLERK

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2 THE ANNOUNCER: Ladies and  
3 gentlemen, welcome to the investiture of  
4 members of Council, the organization of  
5 City Council, the inauguration of the  
6 Honorable Michael A. Nutter as Mayor and  
7 the investiture of members of the

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8 judiciary, Clerk of Quarter Sessions  
9 Court, City Commissioners, Register of  
10 Wills, Sheriff and judges of Traffic  
11 Court.

12 We ask that you now please  
13 either silence or turn off all pagers and  
14 cellular phones for the remainder of the  
15 ceremony. Thank you.

16 Ladies and gentlemen, please  
17 rise and bow your heads for the  
18 invocation given by His Eminence Justin  
19 Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of  
20 Philadelphia.

21 **CARDINAL RIGALI:** Almighty and  
22 Eternal God, you have revealed your glory  
23 to the nations. God of Wisdom and  
24 Justice, through you authority is rightly  
25 administered.

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2 Help us to recognize your  
3 primacy in our lives. May the desire to  
4 be faithful to your commands direct our  
5 thoughts and actions.

6 Bless our Mayor, Michael  
7 Nutter, the members of City Council and  
8 all elected officials of the City of  
9 Philadelphia. Grant them the wisdom and  
10 strength to strive to do your will in all  
11 things for the greater honor and glory of  
12 your name and for the good of all the  
13 citizens of this City.

14 May this Administration be  
15 marked by a profound respect for the  
16 dignity of every person. Sustain its  
17 efforts to bring about justice for every  
18 man, woman and child. May it continually  
19 work towards an end to the violence that  
20 plagues the streets of our City.

21 Amidst the challenges and

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22 trials that we face each day, help us  
23 with your grace to be people of hope, to  
24 persevere with confidence in the task you  
25 have entrusted to us so that one day we

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2 may enjoy the gift of your presence and  
3 the joy of heaven, you who live and reign  
4 forever and ever.

5 Amen.

6 (Amen.)

7 THE ANNOUNCER: Ladies and  
8 gentlemen, please remain standing as the  
9 Philadelphia Police, Fire Departments and  
10 Prison Systems present the colors and the  
11 Philadelphia Boys' Choir leads us in  
12 singing the National Anthem.

13 (Colors are presented.)

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14           (Boys' Choir sings National  
15 Anthem.)  
16           (Applause.)  
17           THE ANNOUNCER: And now please  
18 be seated, as we call to the podium City  
19 Council President Anna C. Verna.  
20           (Applause.)  
21           COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank  
22 you very much, and good morning. It is  
23 my pleasure to welcome you to the  
24 inaugural proceedings for the investiture  
25 of City Council members, the inauguration

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2 of the Mayor and the induction of the  
3 judiciary and elected officials.  
4           Special guests joining us on  
5 stage today are His Eminence Justice  
6 Cardinal Rigali. Welcome. Reverend

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7 Dr. Albert Campbell; Rabbi Henry Cohen;  
8 Senator Arlen Specter; Senator Bob Casey;  
9 Congressman Brady; Congressman Chaka  
10 Fattah; Governor Rendell and his wife,  
11 the Honorable Marjorie Rendell;  
12 Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker  
13 Knoll; Attorney General Tom Corbett;  
14 Auditor General Jack Wagner; Mayor Luke  
15 Ravenstahl of Pittsburgh; New York State  
16 Senator John Sampson; District Attorney  
17 Lynne Abraham; City Controller Alan  
18 Butkovitz; Mayor John Street; former  
19 Mayor William Green; former Mayor Wilson  
20 Goode, Sr.; the Honorable C. Darnell  
21 Jones, II; the Honorable Louis J.  
22 Prezenta; the Honorable Thomasine Tynes;  
23 and members of the Inaugural Committee.  
24 Please join me in welcoming  
25 them. Thank you.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I

4 wish to acknowledge the new First Lady of

5 our City, Lisa Nutter, and their very --

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And,

8 of course, we have all seen before and

9 practically feel as though we know her,

10 their very, very lovely daughter, Olivia.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: And

13 son, Christian.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Would

16 Councilwoman Krajewski please make a

17 presentation of flowers to Mrs. Nutter

18 and Olivia.

19 (Flowers presented to

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20 Mrs. Nutter and Olivia.)

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This

23 being the day fixed by the Philadelphia

24 Home Rule Charter for the organization of

25 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,

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2 the hour has arrived, and we will now

3 proceed with the organization of Council

4 and the investiture of Council members.

5 The first order of business

6 will be the election of a temporary

7 chairperson. Nominations are now in

8 order, and the Chair recognizes

9 Councilman Kenney.

10 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

11 Madam President. I nominate Councilwoman

12 Tasco.

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13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

14 Chair thanks the gentleman.

15 The Chair recognizes

16 Councilwoman Miller.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Madam

18 President, I second that nomination.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are

20 there any further nominations?

21 (No response.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

23 Hearing none, the Chair recognizes

24 Councilman Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Madam President. I move the nominations

3 be closed.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

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5 Chair thanks the gentleman, and the Chair

6 now recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

8 Madam President. I second the motion.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: All

10 in favor of the motion please indicate by

11 saying "aye."

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

14 opposed will say "nay."

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The

17 ayes have it, and the nominations are

18 closed.

19 There being no further

20 nominations, all in favor of the election

21 of Councilwoman Tasco will say "aye."

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those

24 opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The  
3 ayes have it, and Councilwoman Tasco has  
4 been duly elected temporary Chair, and to  
5 her I relinquish this gavel.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you,  
8 Madam President.

9 As the first order of business,  
10 I appoint Mrs. Patricia Rafferty  
11 temporary Clerk. The next order of  
12 business is the filing of the  
13 certificates of election. The Clerk will  
14 call the roll. I direct the Clerk to  
15 call the roll, beginning with the  
16 Councilpersons-at-large in alphabetical  
17 order, and then to proceed with the  
18 district Councilpersons in order of their

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19 district, beginning with the First

20 District.

21 THE CLERK: Mr. W. Wilson

22 Goode, Jr.?

23 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Present.

24 THE CLERK: Mr. William Green?

25 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Present.

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2 THE CLERK: Mr. William

3 Greenlee?

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Present.

5 THE CLERK: Mr. Jack Kelly?

6 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Present.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. James F.

8 Kenney?

9 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Present.

10 THE CLERK: Mrs. Blondell

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11 Reynolds Brown?  
12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Present.  
13 THE CLERK: Mr. Frank Rizzo?  
14 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Present.  
15 THE CLERK: Mr. Frank DiCicco?  
16 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Present.  
17 THE CLERK: Mrs. Anna C. Verna?  
18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:  
19 Present.  
20 THE CLERK: Mrs. Jannie  
21 Blackwell?  
22 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:  
23 Present.  
24 THE CLERK: Mr. Curtis Jones,  
25 Jr.?

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.  
3 THE CLERK: Mr. Darrell Clarke?

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4 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Present.

5 THE CLERK: Mrs. Joan

6 Krajewski?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI:

8 Present.

9 THE CLERK: Mrs. Maria Quinones

10 Sanchez?

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Present.

12 THE CLERK: Mrs. Donna Reed

13 Miller?

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Present.

15 THE CLERK: Mrs. Marian B.

16 Tasco?

17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Present.

18 THE CLERK: Mr. Brian O'Neill?

19 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.

20 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco,

21 a quorum of the members-elect is present,

22 and I have in my possession certificates

23 of election signed by Edgar Howard, City

24 Commissioner; Honorable Pamela Pryor

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25 Dembe, Acting Commissioner; and Honorable

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2 Chris Wogan, Acting Commissioner, acting  
3 as the County Board of Elections in  
4 Philadelphia, indicating their election  
5 of November 6, 2007, for a term of four  
6 years, commencing the first Monday of  
7 January, AD 2008.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The  
9 investiture of members of Council will  
10 now proceed. The members-elect will rise  
11 to take the oath of office, which will be  
12 administered by the Honorable C. Darnell  
13 Jones, II, President Judge of the Court  
14 of Common Pleas.

15 JUDGE JONES: Good morning.

16 (Good morning.)

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17 JUDGE JONES: Thank you,

18 Ms. Tasco.

19 Would the members of Council

20 please place your hands on your Bible and

21 raise your right hands, repeat after

22 me...

23 (Oath of office administered to

24 members of Council.)

25 JUDGE JONES: Congratulations.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The next

4 order of business is the election of

5 President of City Council for the City of

6 Philadelphia to serve for four years,

7 commencing January 7, 2008. Nominations

8 are now in order.

9 The Chair recognizes

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10 Councilwoman Blackwell.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank  
12 you. I proudly and with great honor  
13 nominate Anna C. Verna.

14 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Thank you.  
15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: At this  
17 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman  
18 DiCicco.

19 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,  
20 Madam Acting President. I second the  
21 nomination.

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Are there  
23 any further nominations?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCOS: Hearing

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2 none, the Chair recognizes Councilman

3 O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Madam

5 Chair, I move the nominations be closed.

6 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The Chair

7 recognizes Councilwoman Miller.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Madam

9 President, I second the motion.

10 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: All in

11 favor will say "aye."

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Those

14 opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: There

17 being no further nominations, all those

18 in favor of the election of the Honorable

19 Anna C. Verna as President of City

20 Council will say "aye."

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Those

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23 opposed, "nay."  
24 (No response.)  
25 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The ayes

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2 have it. However, the temporary Clerk  
3 will call the roll.  
4 THE CLERK: Councilwoman  
5 Blackwell?  
6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.  
7 THE CLERK: Councilman Clarke?  
8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Aye.  
9 THE CLERK: Councilman DiCicco?  
10 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Aye.  
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Goode?  
12 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.  
13 THE CLERK: Councilman Green?  
14 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.  
15 THE CLERK: Councilman

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16 Greenlee?  
17 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.  
18 THE CLERK: Councilman Jones?  
19 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.  
20 THE CLERK: Councilman Kelly?  
21 COUNCILMAN KELLY: Aye.  
22 THE CLERK: Councilman Kenney?  
23 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.  
24 THE CLERK: Councilwoman  
25 Krajewski?

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2 COUNCILWOMAN KRAJEWSKI: Aye.  
3 THE CLERK: Councilwoman  
4 Miller?  
5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.  
6 THE CLERK: Councilman O'Neill?  
7 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.  
8 THE CLERK: Councilwoman

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9 Reynolds Brown?  
10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.  
11 THE CLERK: Councilman Rizzo?  
12 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Aye.  
13 THE CLERK: Councilwoman  
14 Sanchez?  
15 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.  
16 THE CLERK: Councilwoman Tasco?  
17 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.  
18 THE CLERK: Council President  
19 Verna?  
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Aye.  
21 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The ayes  
22 are 17; the nays are zero. Councilwoman  
23 Verna having been unanimously chosen by  
24 the members of Council, I declare that  
25 Councilwoman Verna is the duly elected

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2 President of this body.

3 (Standing ovation.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

5 you all so very much. Thank you. Thank

6 you.

7 I am truly honored to be here

8 today with the citizens of Philadelphia

9 and the region, other elected officials,

10 my family, friends and colleagues, as

11 together we continue and we will continue

12 our efforts to move Philadelphia forward

13 through the 21st century.

14 It was in Philadelphia just

15 eight blocks from here that the very

16 foundations of American democracy, the

17 Declaration of Independence and the

18 United States Constitution, had their

19 beginning. Carpenters Hall and the new

20 National Constitution Center are powerful

21 symbols of our City's rich history, but

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22 they also represent our future. My  
23 friends, I assure you the best days of  
24 William Penn's "green country town" are  
25 yet to come.

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2 (Applause.)  
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: When  
4 I stood before you four years ago, I told  
5 you that we in City government have a  
6 responsibility to improve our public  
7 schools, our City's neighborhoods and our  
8 City's economy. Today, through a lot of  
9 hard work, much has been accomplished  
10 toward these goals. Neighborhoods are  
11 improving. Our economy continues to  
12 stabilize, and more funding has been  
13 provided for our public schools. New  
14 schools are being built for the first

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15 time in decades in a number of our areas.  
16 These include the recently completed  
17 Microsoft School of the Future, funded by  
18 the Gates Foundation, and a new Audenreid  
19 High School.

20 We must continue to focus  
21 resources on our schools, since they  
22 provide the groundwork for our students  
23 to move on to the innumerable choices of  
24 colleges and universities available to  
25 them in Philadelphia.

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2 (Applause.)  
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: I  
4 cannot possibly name all of these  
5 colleges and universities, but I feel  
6 compelled to highlight a few.

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