

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, September 26, 2013
10:40 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN BILL GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN JAMES KENNEY
COUNCILMAN DENNIS O'BRIEN
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILWOMAN MARIAN B. TASCO

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning, everyone.

4 (Good morning.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 hour has come. We have established a
7 quorum. I'd ask all guests and visitors
8 please retire behind the rail, the
9 members take their seat. Thank you very
10 much.

11 At this time, to give our
12 invocation this morning, the Chair
13 recognizes Pastor James Buck of Berean
14 Baptist Church. He is here today as the
15 guest of Councilman Bill Greenlee.

16 Would all guests and visitors
17 please rise, and members.

18 (Members and guests rise.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you.

21 PASTOR BUCK: Thank you,
22 Mr. President.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you, Pastor.

25 PASTOR BUCK: In the spirit of

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2 ecumenism, join me as we speak in this
3 sacred dialogue we call prayer. Let us
4 pray.

5 Our father, now our God, we
6 greet thee this morning with this
7 gratitude of thanks. We honor and bless
8 your sacred presence and power in this
9 place of social deliberation. Now we
10 petitioned our holy Council to meet us
11 and advise us of our collective electoral
12 commitments and responsibilities. Grant
13 us the wisdom that we act with
14 performance and heroic deed in our formal
15 decisions. Extend to us the
16 understandings of our moral intentions
17 and corrective participations that we may
18 produce the equal distributions of
19 resources amongst the rich and the poor
20 that have been entrusted to us.

21 Grant us, oh God, your highest
22 generosity that prejudice may not blind
23 the children of men and that wounded
24 justice while lying prostrates on our
25 city streets be lifted up from this dust

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2 of shame to reign supreme.

3 We pray for the love of people
4 and not the lines of party. Now we pray
5 peace in this city and the globalized
6 effect of it chained in strength. We
7 pray for unity among our constituents,
8 integrity of our officials, and justice
9 for all.

10 Pops Vafiscon (ph). In Jesus'
11 name, we pray.

12 Amen.

13 (Amen.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Pastor.

16 Council shall be at ease.

17 (Council at ease.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you so much, Pastor, for those
20 inspiring words.

21 The next order of business is
22 the approval of the Journal of the
23 meeting of Thursday, September 19th,
24 2013.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Greenlee.

3 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. I move that the
5 Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
6 September 19th, 2013 be approved.

7 (Duly seconded.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded that
10 the Journal of the meeting of Thursday,
11 September 19th, 2013 be approved.

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it, and the Journal is
19 approved.

20 The next order of business is
21 requests for leaves of absence.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.
25 Good morning, Mr. President. There are

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2 no requests for leaves of absence on the
3 part of the democrats.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Chair thanks the gentleman.

6 The Chair now recognizes
7 Councilman O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. On behalf of the
10 republicans, there are no requests for
11 leave of absence.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair thanks the gentleman.

14 At this time, I would like to
15 dispense with the regular order of
16 business and I would like to welcome all
17 guests and visitors here today. We
18 really appreciate you coming down here
19 and seeing your government in action. We
20 hope your experience today is a
21 pleasurable one. So much so that you
22 come back again.

23 So, again, thank you, and feel
24 free to participate after the Council
25 session one on one with Councilmembers.

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2 That was something new I threw in there,
3 so I know some of the Councilmembers are
4 looking at me and saying What? What?

5 But really, folks, we really
6 like the fact that we have a
7 participatory government here. We really
8 appreciate you coming down.

9 At this time, the Chair
10 recognizes Councilwoman Sanchez, who will
11 present a resolution recognizing and
12 honoring the Spanish Speaking
13 Organizations on the occasion of the 51st
14 Annual Puerto Rican Festival Week and
15 Parade in Philadelphia. Would Joanna
16 Otero-Cruz and those accompanying her
17 please join the Councilwoman at the
18 podium.

19 And joining the Councilwoman we
20 have Councilman Green and Councilman
21 Jones and Councilwoman Brown.

22 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Good
23 morning. Also joining us is Reverend
24 Bonnie Camarda. We've asked her to join
25 this morning since she is always in

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2 Chambers.

3 Good morning to everyone. This
4 month is Hispanic Month as declared by
5 the President of the United States, and
6 on Saturday, we kicked off what is the
7 Puerto Rican Week Festival with a gala,
8 and on Monday many of you joined me in
9 the annual flag raising.

10 We believe this celebration is
11 so very important because of the
12 contributions and the growth of the
13 Latino community here in Philadelphia and
14 in the region, and that's why we are
15 honored to recognize the Council of
16 Spanish Speaking Organizations, who not
17 only provides a myriad of social services
18 to the community but has the oldest
19 Latino-serving organization in
20 Philadelphia and is the director and
21 producer of what is known to be the
22 Puerto Rican Festival.

23 So with that, I am joined with
24 my "Islanders," as Councilman Jones likes
25 to say.

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2 Recognizing and honoring the
3 Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations
4 on the occasion of the 51st Annual Puerto
5 Rican Week Festival and Parade in
6 Philadelphia.

7 Whereas, the Council of Spanish
8 Speaking Organizations, known to us as
9 Concilio, is the oldest Latino
10 organization in the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania, and under its leadership of
12 Joanna Otero-Cruz, the organization
13 remains dedicated to serving the
14 economic, social, and political needs of
15 the Latino Community;

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Whereas,
17 Concilio was founded in 1962 by Puerto
18 Rican Community leaders concerned with
19 the economic, social, and political
20 issues facing the growing Puerto Rican
21 and Latino Community of the City of
22 Philadelphia. Beginning as a federation
23 of social and fraternal organizations,
24 Concilio grew in numbers over the years
25 and evolved into a pillar of the Latino

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2 Community; and

3 Whereas, Concilio is widely
4 known and appreciated for its founding of
5 two historic Philadelphia events that
6 convene the entire Puerto Rican and
7 Latino Community every year. Concilio
8 founded the Puerto Rican Festival in 1964
9 (Festival Puertorriqueno de Filadelfia),
10 and the Hispanic Fiesta at Penns Landing
11 in 1981 which draws 30,000 people
12 annually to Penns Landing for a two-day
13 celebration of the Puerto Rican and
14 Latino culture and heritage. These
15 events include traditional art, music,
16 dance, food, and games, and provide a
17 unique opportunity for the Latino
18 Community to honor and enjoy its rich and
19 diverse culture. Concilio is also the
20 host of countless other community events,
21 forums, and service fairs which aim to
22 serve the Latino Community, including the
23 Seniors Luncheon which recognizes 350
24 senior as pillars of the Puerto Rican
25 Community and demonstrates our

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2 appreciation for their contribution to
3 our community; and

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Whereas, the
5 Puerto Rican festivities of Puerto Rican
6 Festival Week are kicked off each year by
7 the raising of the Puerto Rican flag on
8 the north side of City Hall in Dilworth
9 Plaza. The Annual Gala ceremony has
10 become one of the most anticipated social
11 events among Puerto Ricans in the region,
12 and gathers together the area's Puerto
13 Rican leaders, government figures,
14 corporate executives, media
15 personalities, heads of community-based
16 organizations. The Festival Week
17 culminates with the Puerto Rican Day
18 Parade. Puerto Rican Day Parade is the
19 crown jewel of the Puerto Rican Festival,
20 creating an opportunity for the Puerto
21 Rican Community to come together in
22 cultural celebration of the entire City
23 of Philadelphia. This colorful and
24 dynamic festival promotes unity, economic
25 development, education, while preserving

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2 and promoting the culture and heritage of
3 the Puerto Rican people; and

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
5 Concilio is a leader in the community in
6 providing services that support families
7 in need and help them towards
8 self-sufficiency. Concilio provides
9 social service programming in
10 collaboration with our city's Department
11 of Human Services, the Philadelphia
12 Health Management Corporation, and the
13 Office of Housing and Urban Development,
14 and is a lead member in the Eastern North
15 Philadelphia Youth Services Coalition, a
16 coalition of Latino-based service
17 providers that exist to bridge gaps and
18 ensure coordinated services supporting
19 young people in the Latino Community.
20 Concilio offers a range of culturally-
21 oriented services including adoptions,
22 family foster care, parenting workshops,
23 summer youth programming, and housing
24 counseling. Notably, Concilio has led in
25 the number of family reunifications

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2 amongst its clients; and

3 Whereas, for over half a
4 century, Concilio has consistently
5 remained steadfast in its core values and
6 mission to serve and support the needs of
7 the Latino Community, and to celebrate
8 the Latino community's enormous
9 contributions throughout the City of
10 Philadelphia and beyond; and

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
12 the 51st Annual Puerto Rican Week
13 Festival will begin on September 23rd, as
14 mentioned, with the raising of the flag,
15 a mass which is this evening at the
16 Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, and
17 will culminate on Sunday, all are
18 invited, at 12 o'clock on the Parkway.

19 Be it resolved, that the
20 Council of the City of Philadelphia
21 hereby recognizes and honors Concilio on
22 the occasion of its 51st Puerto Rican
23 Week Festival and Parade and its
24 dedication to service to the Puerto Rican
25 community.

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2 Further resolved, that an
3 engrossed copy of this resolution will be
4 presented to Concilio as a sincere
5 expression of this Council's
6 appreciation.

7 This resolution was
8 sponsored/introduced by me and supported
9 by all members of Council.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 Chair recognizes Ms. Otero-Cruz for
13 remarks.

14 MS. OTERO-CRUZ: On behalf of
15 our Board at Concilio, our staff, our
16 other non-profit partners who are present
17 here today, I thank you. We are honored
18 to be receiving this resolution today and
19 just honored to continue to provide
20 services to our community.

21 We welcome and invite everyone
22 to the Puerto Rican Day Parade at the
23 Philly Puertorriqueno on Sunday. We
24 begin at 12:00 noon and to all the
25 various events that happen right after,

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2 including a sponsored event by the City
3 of Tego Calderon concert at the Dell.
4 And thank you to our Councilwoman, Maria
5 Quinones-Sanchez, who has been
6 inspirational and supporting us with post
7 parade events this year.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Council shall be at ease.

12 (Council at ease.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you very much.

15 At this time, the Chair
16 recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds Brown,
17 who will present a resolution
18 congratulating Ms. Joan Myers Brown and
19 Mr. Laurie Olin for being awarded the
20 2012 National Medal of Arts and
21 Humanities by President Barack H. Obama.
22 Would Ms. Brown and Mr. Olin and those
23 accompanying them please join the
24 Councilwoman at the podium.

25 And we have Councilwoman Bass,

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2 Councilman Squilla, Councilwoman

3 Blackwell also joining the Councilwoman.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

5 Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 You're welcome.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: We're

9 joined this morning by members of the

10 Board of the Philadelphia Dance Company

11 led by Angela Brown, Chairwoman of the

12 Board, and others. I'll get chastised if

13 I don't acknowledge Ms. Joan Myers

14 Brown's daughter Marlisa, who is with us

15 as well.

16 But it's no secret that I

17 completely enjoy the arts and culture in

18 Philadelphia, be it visual arts over at

19 the Barnes wherein one of our awardees

20 served as the landscape architect, to the

21 performing arts, first and foremost for

22 me always, Philadanco, Philadelphia Dance

23 Company. And I seize every moment I can

24 to remind myself how grateful I am that

25 it was Joan Myers Brown who gave me a

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2 chance many years ago to be a member of
3 the Philadelphia Dance Company, which
4 then led me to actually earn a living for
5 a minute as a dancer.

6 So it is with enormous pleasure
7 that I present and salute both she and
8 Laurie Olin who were celebrated in the
9 most magnificent way that you can in the
10 United States America and, that is, being
11 awarded the 2012 National Medal of Arts
12 and Humanities by our President Barack H.
13 Obama.

14 Whereas, on Wednesday, July
15 10th, 2013, President Barack Obama
16 awarded the 2012 National Medal of Arts
17 and National Humanities Medal in the East
18 Room of the White House to Joan Myers
19 Brown and Laurie D. Olin; and

20 Whereas, the National Medal of
21 Arts is the nation's highest civic honor
22 for excellence in the arts; and

23 Whereas, Joan Myers Brown was
24 recognized for her tremendous
25 contributions as a dancer, choreographer,

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2 and artistic director; and

3 Whereas, Joan Myers Brown
4 founded the Philadelphia Dance Company,
5 affectionately known as Philadanco, in
6 the Philadelphia School of Dance Arts in
7 1970. Ms. Brown carved out an artistic
8 haven for African American dancers and
9 choreographers to innovate, create, and
10 share their unique visions and
11 extraordinary gifts with the national and
12 global dance communities;

13 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: And
14 whereas, Joan Myers Brown serves as
15 honorary co-chairperson for the
16 International Association of Blacks in
17 Dance, an organization she established in
18 1991. She also founded the Internal
19 Conference of Black Dance Companies in
20 1988; and

21 Whereas, Ms. Brown is a
22 Distinguished Visiting Professor at the
23 University of the Arts in Philadelphia,
24 which bestowed upon her an honorary
25 Doctorate of Fine Arts, a member of the

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2 dance faculty at Howard University in
3 Washington, DC and has been awarded an
4 honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from
5 Ursinus College in Collegeville,
6 Pennsylvania; and

7 Whereas, across the nation and
8 around the world, the Philadelphia Dance
9 Company (Philadanco) is celebrated for
10 its innovation, creativity, and
11 preservation of predominantly African
12 American traditions in dance through
13 providing world class dance instruction,
14 promoting emerging dancers and
15 choreographers, and engaging its many
16 communities through performances and
17 outreach activities; and

18 Whereas, Philadanco is
19 recognized for its artistic integrity,
20 superbly trained dancers, and
21 electrifying performances; and

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Whereas,
23 Laurie Olin was recognized for his
24 contributions as a preeminent landscape
25 architect; and

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2 Whereas, Laurie Olin is
3 renowned for its acute sense of harmony
4 and balance between nature and design and
5 he has dedicated his energy to shaping
6 many iconic spaces around the world and
7 educating new leaders in art;

8 Whereas, Laurie Olin is a
9 practice professor of landscape
10 architecture at the University of
11 Pennsylvania and has worked on everything
12 from private residences to large public
13 parks; and

14 Whereas, Laurie Olin is a
15 founding partner of the landscape
16 architecture and urban design firm OLIN
17 which has received the Cooper-Hewitt
18 National Design Award for Landscape
19 design and was part of the winning team
20 in the competition to design a new United
21 States Embassy in London with architects
22 Kieran Timberlake; and

23 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Whereas,
24 Mr. Olin is a John Simon Guggenheim
25 Fellow, an American Academy of Rome

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2 Fellow, an honorary member of the
3 American Institute of Architects, a
4 fellow of the American Academy of Arts
5 and Sciences, the 1999 Wyck-Strickland
6 Award recipient, and a fellow of the
7 American Society of Landscape Architects;
8 and

9 Whereas, Mr. Olin has written
10 widely on the history and theory of
11 architecture and landscape and received
12 the Bradford Williams medal for best
13 writing on landscape architecture; and

14 Whereas, through receiving the
15 National Medal of Arts and Humanities
16 from President Obama, Joan Myers Brown
17 and Laurie Olin have again highlighted
18 the arts in Philadelphia; now, therefore
19 be it

20 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Therefore
21 be it that you would review your
22 announcement on your desk and join the
23 Philadelphia Dance Company at the Painted
24 Bride this Friday or you can see them at
25 the Kimmel Center, the only resident

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2 African American arts company at the
3 Kimmel Center, thanks to Joan Myers
4 Brown. And with that, we resolve, by the
5 Council of the City of Philadelphia, that
6 we hereby recognize and congratulate Joan
7 Myers Brown and Laurie Olin for being
8 awarded the 2012 National Medal of Arts
9 and Humanities by President Barack Obama.

10 Further resolved, that
11 engrossed copies of these resolutions
12 will be presented to Joan Myers Brown and
13 Laurie Olin as evidence of the sincere
14 sentiments of this legislative body.

15 Know that this was introduced
16 by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown,
17 supported by Councilman Mark Squilla,
18 sits in the district of Councilwoman
19 Jannie Blackwell forever, and we want to
20 thank all members of Council that
21 supported this well-deserved and
22 well-earned resolution.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 Chair recognizes Ms. Brown and Mr. Olin

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2 for remarks.

3 MS. BROWN: Good morning,
4 Council. Good morning, friends, and good
5 morning to my family. Blondell made me
6 smile because she forgot to tell you that
7 she's going to be dancing that night. So
8 if you haven't seen her, be sure to come
9 out.

10 But I certainly appreciate this
11 honor. For a moment I thought the City
12 had kind of forgotten that we got this
13 award, but I understand you guys were on
14 vacation, so I forgive you, but I
15 certainly appreciate this support. I
16 certainly appreciate this honor, and I
17 certainly appreciate your support. And I
18 thank my family and Board members for
19 supporting me also.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. OLIN: I'll only say a few
22 things. First, actually I want to
23 congratulate Joan, wonderful person and
24 dancer and great choreographer.

25 I came to Philadelphia by

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2 accident to teach, and I've been here
3 ever since 1974. It turned out to be a
4 great place to live. It's a wonderful
5 city. It's been a fabulous place to have
6 an office and work. People actually now
7 come to our office. We don't have to go
8 to their office. They actually come to
9 Philadelphia to see people and us.

10 So it's been a really exciting
11 time. It's a great honor. I appreciate
12 City Council doing this and welcome to
13 all the citizens.

14 It's been fabulous to work here
15 in Philadelphia to try and help the
16 environment. One of the things that
17 people in my business do is, we have a
18 belief, a strong belief, that there is an
19 obligation to produce an environment for
20 all Americans that is ecologically
21 healthy, that is socially just, and that
22 is spiritually rewarding, and we've tried
23 to do that.

24 So thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you so much.

7 At this time, the Chair
8 recognizes Councilman Jones, who will
9 present a resolution supporting the
10 National Minority Business Development
11 Agency and recognizing September 30th
12 through October 4th, 2013 as Philadelphia
13 Minority Enterprise Development Week.
14 Would Ms. Angela Dowd-Burton and those
15 accompanying her please join the
16 Councilman at the podium.

17 And joining the Councilman we
18 have Councilman Oh, Councilwoman
19 Blackwell, and Councilwoman Brown.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: It's amazing
21 29 years later how far we've come but yet
22 how far we have to go when it comes to
23 inclusion of minority, female business in
24 the fullness and richness of the American
25 economy.

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2 September 30th through October
3 4th is MED Week. This started under the
4 Reagan Administration, my republican
5 colleagues will clearly point out, in
6 1983, and I think it would be appropriate
7 to acknowledge the forebearers of
8 inclusion in this city, starting with
9 names like Wilson Goode, Sr., Mayor of
10 the City of Philadelphia; names like the
11 late great Councilman Lucien E.
12 Blackwell; John Macklin; organizations
13 like Umia; names like Barbara Daniels
14 Cox; names like Bilal Qayyum; and names
15 like Angela Dowd-Burton, who seems never
16 to get away from this mission.

17 So we want to acknowledge that.
18 We want to also say that there will be
19 workshops throughout the week. Our
20 workshop in the 4th District will be MED
21 Week and the topic will be public safety
22 and your business, dealing with property
23 theft, workplace shrinkage, and other
24 topics germane to keeping their
25 businesses safe.

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2 And with that, this resolution
3 supporting the National Minority Business
4 Development Agency and recognizing
5 September 30th through October 4th, 2013
6 as Philadelphia Minority Enterprise
7 Development Week which provides critical
8 information to foster the growth and
9 competitiveness of the minority and
10 female business communities.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

12 Whereas, since 1983, the United States
13 President has proclaimed a National MED
14 (Minority Enterprise Development) Week
15 observance to recognize the outstanding
16 achievements of Minority Business
17 Enterprises and to honor those
18 corporations and financial institutions
19 that support minority business
20 development. Annual regional conferences
21 and activities are organized by the
22 United States Department of Commerce's
23 Minority Business Development Agency in
24 collaboration with United States Small
25 Business Administration's Office of

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2 Government Contracting and Business
3 Development; and

4 Whereas, the MED Week
5 celebration was started locally in
6 Philadelphia in 1984 to honor and promote
7 minority-owned businesses in the
8 Philadelphia area. The organizers of the
9 first MED Week activities were Barbara
10 Daniel Cox, former Director of Mayor
11 Goode's Women's Business Commission, and
12 Bilal Abdul Qayyum, Assistant to the
13 Deputy Director of the City Commerce
14 Department; and

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Whereas,
16 small businesses in Philadelphia and
17 across the country are the cornerstone of
18 economic growth, creating two-thirds of
19 net new jobs in the country and
20 comprising 50 percent of America's
21 employment; and

22 Whereas, the support and
23 development of minority businesses is an
24 integral part of our nation's commitment
25 to development, equality, and

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2 opportunity; strong economic engagement
3 in minority communities creates and
4 sustains jobs in communities which might
5 otherwise have been overlooked; and

6 COUNCILMAN OH: Whereas, the
7 Philadelphia MED Week Committee consists
8 of corporations, local colleges and
9 universities, local and regional
10 government agencies and minority business
11 owners that are committed to supporting
12 opportunities for minority businesses,
13 including the African American Chamber of
14 Commerce, Asian American Chamber of
15 Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, Greater
16 Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of
17 Commerce, the City of Philadelphia
18 Commerce Department, and the MBDA
19 Business Center Philadelphia, PA operated
20 by The Enterprise Center; and

21 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Whereas,
22 Philadelphia's MED Week has grown
23 exponentially since its inception and
24 this year includes a wide variety of
25 sessions such as "A Conversation with

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2 Philadelphia's Business Leaders,"
3 "Corporate Supplier Diversity,"
4 "Exporting Opportunities," and "Public
5 Safety and Your Business"; and

6 Whereas, 2013 Philadelphia
7 Minority Enterprise Development (MED)
8 Week Awards Reception will celebrate 29
9 years of Minority Enterprise Development
10 in the Philadelphia region; and now
11 therefore

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Further
13 resolved, that a copy of this resolution
14 be presented to the Philadelphia MED Week
15 Committee as evidence of the strong
16 support and sincere sentiments of this
17 legislative body.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Ms. Dowd-Burton for
21 remarks.

22 MR. DOWD-BURTON: Good morning.

23 (Good morning.)

24 MR. DOWD-BURTON: Good morning,
25 President Clarke, Councilman Jones,

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2 members of City Council, officials, City
3 administrators, friends and guests. It
4 is an honor to accept this resolution on
5 behalf of the 2013 MED Week Committee.

6 This year we are helping to
7 build a trajectory of growth and
8 prosperity for minority and women-owned
9 businesses. The MED Week Committee
10 recognizes that it is time. It is time
11 to build innovative and integrated
12 solutions. It is time for stronger, more
13 deliberate collaboration between the
14 chambers and the business administrators
15 and advocates across this region. And it
16 is time to build a collective competitive
17 spirit that addresses the needs of
18 customers and clients in the public,
19 private, and non-profit sectors, as well
20 as the international marketplace.

21 I am joined today by leaders of
22 each of the chambers that were mentioned
23 in the resolution as well as the
24 Philadelphia International Airport and
25 the Convention Center and members of the

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2 Office of Economic Opportunity.

3 The MED Week 2013 activities
4 are an extraordinary opportunity for
5 businesses to learn about emerging
6 opportunities, to network with some of
7 the largest corporate and institutional
8 leaders in the region, and to build
9 powerful business relationships that will
10 empower them to expand their confidence,
11 their vision, their capacity, and their
12 profitability.

13 The MED Week calendar may be
14 found on the OEO website at
15 www.phila.gov/o eo or any of the chamber
16 websites that serve on the MED Week
17 Committee. You can also call
18 215-683-2057. That's 683-2057. And
19 members of Council can check the
20 documents on your desk. You have a
21 calendar of MED Week.

22 We look forward to seeing all
23 of you at each of the events and to
24 invite all of your constituents to join
25 us in building a vibrant, competitive

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2 business community.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Council will be at ease.

7 (Council at ease.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you so much.

10 The next order of business is
11 communications. The Chair requests that
12 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the
13 messages from the Mayor to the Chief
14 Clerk.

15 Mr. Decker, would you please
16 read those messages.

17 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
18 and members of the Council of the City of
19 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you
20 that on September 25, 2013, I signed the
21 remaining bills that were passed by
22 Council at its session on September 12,
23 2013; and I am transmitting for the
24 consideration of your honorable body a
25 resolution approving the redevelopment

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2 contract of the Philadelphia
3 Redevelopment Authority for the
4 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
5 portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal
6 Area, identified by house number and
7 street address as 2348 Cross Street; and

8 A resolution approving the
9 redevelopment contract and disposition
10 supplement of the Philadelphia
11 Redevelopment Authority for the
12 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
13 portion of the Market Street East Urban
14 Renewal Area, identified by house number
15 and street address as 810 Arch Street;
16 and

17 An ordinance authorizing the
18 Commissioner of Public Property, on
19 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
20 convey to the Philadelphia Authority for
21 Industrial Development, a parcel with an
22 address of 4732 through 34 Griscom
23 Street, for further conveyance; and

24 An ordinance authorizing the
25 Parks and Recreation Commissioner on

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2 behalf of the City of Philadelphia, to
3 execute a Maintenance Agreement with the
4 Township of Lower Merion under which the
5 City will assist the Township in
6 maintaining certain elements of the
7 recreational trail crossing Manayunk
8 Bridge; and

9 An ordinance creating the
10 Headquarter Hotel Tax Increment Financing
11 District, being the area generally
12 bounded by South Penn Square on the
13 north, Broad Street on the east, 15th
14 Street on the west, and Chestnut Street
15 on the south, and approving the project
16 plan of the Philadelphia Authority for
17 Industrial Development for the
18 redevelopment of the Headquarter Hotel
19 Tax Increment Financing District; all
20 under certain terms and conditions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you. Those messages will be
23 printed in today's Journal.

24 Mr. Decker, do you have any
25 other communications?

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2 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
3 Mr. President.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you so much, sir.

6 The next order of business is
7 the introduction of bills and
8 resolutions.

9 At this time, I would like to
10 recognize Councilman Kenney.

11 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I have two privileged
13 resolutions which I'd like to be heard
14 today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
18 resolution recognizing the Church of the
19 Gesu located at 18th and Stiles Street in
20 North Philadelphia on the church's 125th
21 Anniversary to be celebrated on Sunday,
22 November 10, 2013.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
24 resolution will be on today's Final
25 Passage Calendar.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
3 resolution authorizing the Committee on
4 Labor and Civil Service to hold public
5 hearings to review the decision of the
6 Philadelphia Fire Department to demote
7 nine Fire Lieutenants and five Fire
8 Captains after their recent promotion
9 this past May.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
11 resolution will also be on today's Final
12 Passage Calendar.

13 The Chair recognizes
14 Councilwoman Blackwell.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
16 you, Mr. President. Today I introduce
17 one privileged and one non-privileged
18 resolution.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilwoman.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
22 you.

23 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
24 resolution recognizing October as Philly
25 Plays Scrabble Month.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
3 resolution will be on today's Final
4 Passage Calendar.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a
6 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
7 Commissioner of Public Property to
8 execute and deliver to the Philadelphia
9 Redevelopment Authority, without
10 consideration, deeds conveying
11 conditional fee simple title to certain
12 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
13 the buildings and improvements thereon,
14 situate in the Sixth and Fifty-First
15 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 resolution will be on next week's Final
18 Passage Calendar.

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Greenlee.

21 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
22 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
23 offer one bill and two resolutions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you, sir.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
3 amending Chapter 14 of The Philadelphia
4 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
5 adding special provisions regulating
6 temporary real estate and wall signs in
7 certain districts, under certain terms
8 and conditions.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
10 bill will be referred to the appropriate
11 committee.

12 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
13 resolution recognizing September 29, 2013
14 through October 5, 2013 as Prostate
15 Cancer Awareness Week in Philadelphia.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 resolution will be on today's Final
18 Passage Calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
20 resolution -- a non-privileged resolution
21 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
22 Property to execute and deliver to the
23 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
24 without consideration, deeds conveying
25 conditional fee simple title to certain

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2 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
3 the buildings and improvements thereon,
4 situate in the Thirty-Second Ward of the
5 City of Philadelphia.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
7 resolution will be on next week's Final
8 Passage Calendar.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Henon.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I have two bills and one
13 privileged resolution, one bill co-signed
14 by several Councilmembers and one
15 co-signed by Councilman Greenlee.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you, Councilman.

18 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
19 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
20 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
21 further providing for revised sign
22 controls and making technical changes,
23 all under certain terms and conditions;
24 and amending Chapter 9-600 of The
25 Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and

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2 Other Businesses," by adjusting the
3 licensing fees for commercial outdoor
4 advertising signs and information
5 required in the annual inventory of
6 signs.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
11 amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia
12 Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by
13 revising Section 14-303(12), entitled
14 "Neighborhood Notice and Meetings," by
15 establishing new minimum qualifications
16 for Registered Community Organizations,
17 adjusting the requirements for
18 notification and meetings, and amending
19 the procedures regarding re-registration
20 of Registered Community Organizations.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
22 bill will also be referred to the
23 appropriate committee.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 resolution honoring the Court Appointed

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2 Special Advocates of Philadelphia County.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
4 resolution will be on today's Final
5 Passage Calendar.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Tasco.

8 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO:
9 Mr. President, I have no bills or
10 resolutions today.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you, Councilwoman.

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
16 Mr. President, I have two non-privileged
17 resolutions.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: You're
21 welcome.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
23 resolution urging the Board of Revision
24 of Taxes to provide for a deadline
25 extension for the filing of real estate

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2 market value appeals, or otherwise make
3 arrangements to accept late appeals, for
4 property owners who have not received
5 responses to their First Level Reviews by
6 October 7, 2013.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Councilman, do you want that heard today?

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'd
11 like to ask you to request a suspension
12 of the rules.

13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I would like to request a
15 suspension of the rules for the bill to
16 be read today.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Moved and properly seconded.

20 All those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 eyes have it. That resolution will be on
3 today's Final Passage Calendar.

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a
7 non-privileged resolution approving the
8 redevelopment contract of the
9 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
10 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
11 portion of the Point Breeze Urban Renewal
12 Area, identified by house number and
13 street address as 2348 Cross Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
15 resolution will be on next week's Final
16 Passage Calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Sanchez.

19 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
20 you, Council President. I have one bill.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilwoman.

23 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
24 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
25 Property, on behalf of the City of

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2 Philadelphia, to convey to the
3 Philadelphia Authority for Industrial
4 Development, a parcel with an address of
5 4732 through 34 Griscom Street, for
6 further conveyance.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will be referred to the appropriate
9 committee.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Green.

12 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I have no bills or
14 resolutions today.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 O'Brien.

19 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I have nothing today.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Goode.

25 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I offer no bills or
3 resolutions today.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes

7 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
9 morning, Mr. President. I offer one
10 resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Before we proceed, Mr. Decker, I would
13 ask anyone who has a device, be it a cell
14 phone, pager, if they still have those,
15 or whatever other device you have, would
16 you please turn it on silent or turn it
17 off. Thank you for your cooperation.

18 Mr. Decker.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
20 resolution recognizing October as Parent
21 and Family Appreciation Month.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
23 resolution will be on today's Final
24 Passage Calendar.

25 The Chair recognizes Councilman

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2 Jones.

3 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
4 Mr. President. I have two bills and
5 three privileged resolutions co-sponsored
6 by Blackwell, Johnson, Brown, and
7 Greenlee.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Thank you, Councilman.

10 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
11 amending Section 9-205 of The
12 Philadelphia Code, relating to Sidewalk
13 Sales, and vending in residential areas,
14 within the Ninth District, by deleting a
15 provision allowing sidewalk sales and
16 vending in the area bordered by and
17 including Olney Avenue, Cheltenham
18 Avenue, Broad Street, and Fifth Street,
19 both sides.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
21 bill will be referred to committee.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
23 authorizing the Parks and Recreation
24 Commissioner on behalf of the City of
25 Philadelphia, to execute a Maintenance

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2 Agreement with the Township of Lower
3 Merion under which the City will assist
4 the Township in maintaining certain
5 elements of the recreational trail
6 crossing Manayunk Bridge.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
8 bill will also be referred to committee.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
10 resolution honoring and celebrating the
11 National Association for the Advancement
12 of Colored People, Philadelphia Chapter,
13 for their dedication to the youth,
14 through their advocacy for education,
15 nonviolence and community service.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 resolution will be on today's Final
18 Passage Calendar.

19 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
20 resolution celebrating and recognizing
21 October as National Disability Employment
22 Awareness Month to raise awareness about
23 disability employment issues and
24 celebrate the many and varied
25 contributions of people with disabilities

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2 to the City of Philadelphia.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
4 resolution will be on today's Final
5 Passage Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
7 resolution proclaiming Saturday, October
8 19, 2013 as Men Against Domestic Violence
9 Day to raise public awareness of the
10 specter of domestic violence and stand
11 united in support of victims of domestic
12 violence across the City of Philadelphia.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 resolution will be on today's Final
15 Passage Calendar.

16 The Chair now recognizes
17 Councilman O'Neill.

18 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
19 Mr. President. I have no bills or
20 resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Councilman.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Squilla.

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I have one resolution.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Thank you, Councilman.

5 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
6 resolution approving the redevelopment
7 contract and disposition supplement of
8 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
9 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
10 of a portion of the Market Street East
11 Urban Renewal Area, identified by house
12 number and street address as 810 Arch
13 Street.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
15 resolution will be on next week's Final
16 Passage Calendar.

17 The Chair recognizes
18 Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I have one privileged
21 resolution co-sponsored by Councilwomen
22 Tasco, Blackwell, and Blondell Reynolds
23 Brown.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
3 resolution recognizing and honoring the
4 d'Zert Club and African Genesis Institute
5 on their 20th Anniversary.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
7 resolution will be on today's Final
8 Passage Calendar.

9 The Chair recognizes Councilman
10 Oh.

11 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. I have two privileged
13 resolutions, the first co-sponsored by
14 Councilwoman Cindy Bass and Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown and the second one
16 co-sponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds
17 Brown. Thank you.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
21 resolution congratulating History Making
22 Productions and commemorating the work of
23 Founder and Executive Producer Sam Katz
24 for his multi-format historical
25 documentary television film and Internet

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2 project Philadelphia: The Great
3 Experiment.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
5 resolution will be on today's Final
6 Passage Calendar.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
8 resolution recognizing September as
9 Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in honor
10 of childhood cancer patients, care
11 givers, survivors and those children who
12 have succumbed to the disease.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 resolution will also be on today's Final
15 Passage Calendar.

16 That concludes our introduction
17 of bills and resolutions. We have no
18 committee reports today. So at this
19 time, the next order of business is the
20 consideration of the Calendar. As there
21 are no bills on the First Reading, the
22 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones for
23 calling up the bills and resolutions on
24 the Final Passage Calendar today.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

1 9/26/13 - STATED - BILLS ON 2ND READING
2 Mr. President. The following resolutions
3 and bills are being called up for Second
4 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
5 today: Nos. 130639, 130646, 130648,
6 130650, 130651, 130652, 130544, and
7 130532. All other resolutions and bills
8 are being held.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 Before considering the
12 resolutions and bills on the Final
13 Passage Calendar, we will have public
14 comment. Public comment will go as
15 follows: If you are interested in
16 speaking on a bill or resolution that is
17 on the Final Passage Calendar today, we
18 ask that you please sign up at the table
19 to my left.

20 When it is your time to speak
21 and your name is called, you will see a
22 podium in the middle of the room. That
23 podium has a device and a microphone.
24 That device will turn green when it's
25 your time to speak. It will turn yellow

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2 when you have 30 seconds to conclude your
3 remarks, and when it turns red, we ask
4 that you please adhere to the guidelines
5 and conclude your remarks. You will be
6 given three minutes for your comment as
7 it relates to bills and resolutions on
8 the Final Passage Calendar.

9 Thank you all very much for
10 your cooperation. And with that,
11 Mr. Decker, would you please read the
12 first name.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Brian Thompson,
14 commenting on Bill No. 130532.

15 (Witness approached podium.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
17 morning.

18 MR. THOMPSON: Good morning.
19 As he just told you, my name is Brian
20 Thompson. I work at the Philadelphia
21 International Airport as a baggage
22 handler with PrimeFlight. I make 7.25 an
23 hour. On a good biweekly pay period when
24 I'm given the opportunity to work a full
25 80 hours, I take home about \$449. That

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2 is obviously not enough to live on.

3 It is nothing but a struggle
4 just to pay my bills and get by. There's
5 no real flexibility or breathing room in
6 my budget. Small things that other
7 people might think are minor annoyances
8 can spell financial disaster when you're
9 scraping by on minimum wage. If I drop
10 my phone on the pavement, I know I don't
11 have the money to fix it. If I leave my
12 breakfast or don't make breakfast, I know
13 I can't afford an overpriced airport
14 meal, especially twice a day. If I leave
15 a TransPass on my kitchen table, paying
16 full price for SEPTA fare will blow my
17 entire week's budget.

18 Working at this job I had to
19 move back with my parents, because there
20 is no way I could afford an apartment of
21 my own off what I make at the airport.
22 This leaves me stressed about money all
23 of the time, and I know that without this
24 bill, there's no hope in sight for a
25 raise.

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2 At my job I'm often reminded of
3 a Chris Rock bit where he described
4 earning minimum wage working at
5 McDonald's. He said, You know what it
6 means when someone pays you minimum wage?
7 You know what your boss is trying to say?
8 Your boss is saying, Hey, if I could pay
9 you less, I would, but it's against the
10 law.

11 My co-workers and I are
12 realists. We understand one basic truth
13 about working at the airport, and that's
14 if PrimeFlight and other subcontractors
15 at the airport could legally pay you
16 less, they would. If these
17 subcontractors had an interest in the
18 livelihood or morale of their co-workers
19 and the people that work for them, they
20 would have phased in raises incrementally
21 a long time ago, but they don't even
22 explore it.

23 It's not right that working
24 adults in Philadelphia are not able to
25 pay basic bills when they are gainfully

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2 employed. Subcontracted workers are not
3 looking for a bailout. We're not looking
4 for a handout. We're not looking for a
5 get-rich-quick scheme. We're simply
6 asking to not live in poverty if we're
7 working full time. We want the existing
8 minimum wage benefit standards to apply
9 to us too.

10 What does it say about
11 Philadelphia if we choose not to enforce
12 a law that would keep thousands of people
13 out of poverty? What does it say about
14 our city if it isn't important enough to
15 allow voters and workers to have a say?
16 Airport workers are voters too. I know
17 that thousands of us look forward to
18 getting in that booth this spring and
19 voting for fair wages for all airport
20 workers.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you for your remarks, sir.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Daisy Cruz,

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2 commenting on 130532.

3 (Witness approached podium.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
5 morning.

6 MS. CRUZ: Good morning. My
7 name is Daisy Cruz and I'm the Assistant
8 Area Director of 32BJ here in
9 Philadelphia. 32BJ represents 145,000
10 workers in 11 states and 22,000 here in
11 Pennsylvania. We believe that all
12 workers deserve a living wage.

13 We stand behind all low-wage
14 workers, whether it's fast food workers
15 organizing for better wages, security
16 officers' fight for a fair contract or
17 Philly Airport workers demanding that
18 existing minimum wage legislation help
19 them out of poverty.

20 City Council has already done
21 the right thing by unanimously passing
22 the 21 Century Minimum Wage and Benefits
23 Standard. We implore Council to do
24 everything in their power to ensure that
25 the City applies this important ordinance

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2 to those who need it the most.

3 32BJ supports this bill, and we
4 appreciate all of Council's efforts to
5 extend the living wage to all
6 Philadelphians.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you so much for your testimony.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Andre Butler.

12 (No response.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Andre Butler?

14 (No response.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Reverend Greg

16 Holsten, commenting on 130532.

17 (Witness approached podium.)

18 REVEREND HOLSTEN: Good

19 morning.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

21 morning, sir.

22 REVEREND HOLSTEN: My name is

23 Reverend Gregory Holsten. I'm the Pastor

24 of New Vision United Methodist Church at

25 Broad and Westmoreland Streets in the

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2 heart of Philadelphia. I am the Co-Chair
3 of POWER's Job Strategy Committee. POWER
4 is an organization of 42 houses of faith
5 throughout the City of Philadelphia in
6 every neighborhood, of every
7 denomination, of every religion that are
8 speaking out on the issues to make
9 Philadelphia a city of opportunity that
10 works for all.

11 We are excited to be able to
12 stand here today in support of the living
13 wage referendum and resolution. We
14 believe that it is important for all
15 Philadelphians, particularly those who
16 are working for contractors and
17 subcontractors of the City of
18 Philadelphia, to have a living wage.

19 As a pastor, I've seen the
20 amount of poverty that exists in my
21 neighborhood. In the three zip codes
22 that surround my church, there the
23 percentages of poverty range from 35
24 percent to 50 percent, poverty rate which
25 means that people are making less than

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2 \$11,000 a year.

3 When we do our Christmas
4 giveaways and our Christmas baskets, we
5 recognize that we see whole families come
6 in, families that have working parents
7 but can't afford Christmas toys for their
8 children. We recognize that we're in a
9 neighborhood where it is so poor, that
10 the businesses that are in that
11 neighborhood can't be supported by the
12 people in the neighborhood and,
13 therefore, our whole history of
14 Philadelphia being a history of
15 neighborhoods and communities and
16 businesses that operate in those
17 neighborhoods is at stake because of the
18 poverty that exists in our community.
19 Those businesses may not exist.

20 So I ask that not only do we do
21 the justice thing and the righteous
22 thing, as many of the workers that will
23 come forward and have already come
24 forward to say, the power and the
25 devastation that they live these lives in

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2 poverty as they're working, afraid of
3 losing -- afraid of just losing the basic
4 things of life. But we also look at this
5 as an economic issue for the City of
6 Philadelphia. We cannot be the city that
7 we want to be if our neighborhoods are
8 not vibrant, our neighborhoods are not
9 fulfilled economically, where our
10 neighborhoods and our children, 40
11 percent of them who go to bed every night
12 hungry. When we're not providing the
13 opportunities for those neighborhoods to
14 thrive by supporting this referendum --
15 by supporting this today, it gives an
16 opportunity to put more dollars in the
17 hands of our communities, which will
18 build our businesses and build our
19 community to be where we need to be.

20 Thank you so much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you, Pastor.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: Geraldine

25 Roberson, commenting on 130544.

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2 (Witness approached podium.)

3 MS. ROBERSON: Yes. I just
4 want to say hello everybody. I'm not
5 sure who is all here. I might not speak
6 in the language that y'all are used to
7 hearing, but I am a citizen of
8 Philadelphia and my mother is. My mother
9 was born and raised here. She is well in
10 her 80's. My grandmother died. She was
11 96 years old, and she worked all her
12 life, and she had nothing, because they
13 took everything from her.

14 All of y'all sit here with
15 y'all gadgets and y'all big paychecks and
16 you driving y'all nice cars and things
17 like that, and y'all look at the world
18 through rosy-colored eyes, but if y'all
19 take off y'all glasses and look at it
20 through our eyes the way we live day to
21 day, minimum wage 7.25 and 7.25, you
22 know, you will see the real world.

23 There's only one Councilman in
24 this room that I'm glad to say that I
25 voted for them, and that's Jannie

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2 Blackwell, because she really cares about
3 us. She's not afraid to take off her
4 glasses and say hello, come down to our
5 neighborhood, shake a hand. The rest of
6 y'all sit here and most of y'all bring
7 your cell phones, you're playing with
8 your computers, but, see, you don't
9 understand. The world that you're
10 building today is going to fall down on
11 y'all too. Just like it fell down on us,
12 it's going to fall down on y'all
13 eventually, because you might be wealthy
14 now and, you know, passing the laws and
15 cupcake want and stuff like that. I
16 almost threw up, you know.

17 I just want to say that y'all
18 need to take off y'all rosy-colored
19 glasses and see the world as it really
20 is, because y'all have taken -- I'll make
21 this quick. Y'all have taken the
22 responsibility of the male out of the
23 household. Most men -- I go to
24 McDonald's. I see a man old as my
25 grandfather working. I said, Pops, what

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2 are you doing here sweeping the floor?

3 He said, Well, I don't have any
4 money. I have to work.

5 He should be home in a rocking
6 chair. You know, this is what y'all
7 doing to us. But, you know, you reap
8 what you sew. So you might be on top,
9 but what goes up, remember, comes down.

10 So that's all I want to say,
11 and thank you.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you for your testimony, ma'am.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
16 other speakers on the public comment
17 list, Mr. President.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you. That concludes the public
20 comment session. We will now move on to
21 our Calendar.

22 Mr. Decker, could you please
23 read the title of 130639.

24 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution also
25 naming 20th Street from Berks Street to

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2 Montgomery Avenue as "Jackie Jones Way."

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee for
5 a motion.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption
8 of the resolution.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
11 been moved and properly seconded.

12 All those in favor?

13 (Aye.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Those opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 ayes have it. Resolution 130639 is
19 adopted.

20 Mr. Decker, please read the
21 title of 130646.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
23 supporting Senate Bill 1080 which seeks
24 to reduce plastic bags in the trash.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 (That's being held.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Is

5 it a go?

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

8 a go, Councilwoman?

9 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Mr. Decker, please -- I'm sorry. You

12 read the title.

13 The Chair recognizes

14 Councilwoman Brown.

15 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes. I

16 move for the adoption.

17 (Duly seconded.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

19 been moved and properly seconded.

20 All those in favor?

21 (Aye.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Those opposed?

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye -- nay.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Nay?

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2 COUNCILMAN OH: Nay.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it. Resolution 130646 is
5 adopted.

6 Mr. Decker, please read the
7 title of 130648.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
9 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
10 Property to execute and deliver to the
11 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
12 without consideration, deeds conveying
13 conditional fee simple title to certain
14 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
15 the buildings and improvements thereon,
16 situate in the Fourth and Thirty-Eighth
17 Wards of the City of Philadelphia.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you.

20 Folks, could I ask you to
21 please keep your voices down a little
22 bit. It's kind of difficult to hear.
23 Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 Jones.

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2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I move for its adoption.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
6 been moved and properly seconded.

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. 130648 is adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, 130650.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 authorizing the Commissioner of Public
17 Property to execute and deliver to the
18 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority,
19 without consideration, deeds conveying
20 conditional fee simple title to certain
21 City-owned lots or pieces of ground with
22 the buildings and improvements thereon,
23 situate in the Twelfth Ward of the City
24 of Philadelphia.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 The Chair recognizes

4 Councilwoman Bass.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,

6 Mr. President. I move for the adoption

7 of the resolution.

8 (Duly seconded.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

10 been moved and properly seconded.

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

17 ayes have it. 130650 is adopted.

18 Mr. Decker, 130651.

19 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution also

20 naming Emlen Street between West Upsal

21 Street and West Johnson Street as

22 "Reverend Dr. G. Daniel Jones Way."

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

24 Chair again recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
3 of the resolution.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
6 been moved and properly seconded.

7 All those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Those opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. 130651 is also adopted.

14 Mr. Decker, 130652.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 supporting the Philadelphia Chinatown
17 Development Corporation and their planned
18 development of the Eastern Tower
19 Community Center.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 The Chair recognizes Councilman
23 Oh.

24 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
25 Mr. President. I move for the adoption

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2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
5 been moved and properly seconded.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 ayes have it. 130652 is adopted.

13 Mr. Decker, please read the
14 title of 130544.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
16 proposing an amendment to The
17 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming
18 Council's power to enact provisions
19 Council considers necessary or
20 appropriate to accomplish the purposes of
21 a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you. Because Resolution No. 130544
24 is a proposed amendment to The Home Rule
25 Charter, it requires a two-thirds vote.

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2 Mr. Decker, would you please
3 call the roll.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
5 Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

11 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

13 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
15 Greenlee.

16 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
20 Johnson.

21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
25 Kenney.

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2 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 O'Brien.
5 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
7 O'Neill.
8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
10 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
12 Quinones-Sanchez.
13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown.
16 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Squilla.
19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
21 Tasco.
22 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
24 Clarke.
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

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2 The ayes are --

3 (Standing ovation.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you. The ayes are 17 to zero. The
6 resolution is adopted.

7 Mr. Decker, would you please
8 read the title of 130532.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
10 providing for the submission to the
11 qualified electors of the City of
12 Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in
13 a Resolution approved by Council
14 proposing an amendment to The
15 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter confirming
16 Council's power to enact provisions
17 Council considers necessary or
18 appropriate to accomplish the purposes of
19 a Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
21 bill has been read on two separate days.
22 The question is shall the bill pass
23 finally.

24 Mr. Decker, please call the
25 roll.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

3 Bass.

4 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

5 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

6 Blackwell.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Goode.

9 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

11 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

13 Greenlee.

14 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

23 Kenney.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 O'Brien.

3 COUNCILMAN O'BRIEN: Aye.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

5 O'Neill.

6 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

8 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

10 Quinones-Sanchez.

11 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

13 Reynolds Brown.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

16 Squilla.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

19 Tasco.

20 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Aye.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Council President

22 Clarke.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

24 The ayes are 17; the nays are

25 zero. The majority of all members

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2 present voting in the affirmative, the
3 bill passes.

4 (Standing ovation.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you all so much. Councilmembers
7 need love too. Thank you.

8 Mr. Decker, do you have any
9 additional resolutions.

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 recognizing the Church of the Gesu
12 located at 18th and Stiles Street in
13 North Philadelphia on the church's 125th
14 Anniversary to be celebrated on Sunday,
15 November 10, 2013, introduced by
16 Councilman Kenney.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney.

19 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
23 been moved and properly seconded.

24 Those in favor?

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

6 ayes have it. That resolution is

7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

9 authorizing the Committee on Labor and

10 Civil Service to hold public hearings to

11 review the decision of the Philadelphia

12 Fire Department to demote nine Fire

13 Lieutenants and five Fire Captains after

14 their recent promotion this past May,

15 introduced by Councilman Kenney.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

17 Chair again recognizes Councilman Kenney.

18 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: I move the

19 adoption of the resolution and request to

20 be recognized for a moment.

21 (Duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

23 Chair recognizes Councilman Kenney again.

24 COUNCILMAN KENNEY: Thank you,

25 Mr. President. On May 14th, 2013, Judge

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2 Leon Tucker ordered the City to fill the
3 14 budgeted promotional positions using
4 then the current promotional list for the
5 Fire Department for captains and
6 lieutenant. On May 30th, 2013, Fire
7 Commissioner Lloyd Ayers met with 14
8 individuals in his office and promoted
9 five individuals to fire captain and nine
10 individuals to fire lieutenant.

11 In September 2013, the City of
12 Philadelphia issued a new promotional
13 list and none of these 14 individuals are
14 on the list because they had already been
15 promoted. The Fire Department issued a
16 memorandum on September 23rd, 2013
17 stating that all of these promotions
18 would be rescinded and all individuals
19 would be demoted and reassigned to
20 different positions.

21 The Philadelphia Civil Service
22 Commission has specific regulations
23 regarding temporary appointments under
24 Civil Service Regulation 12 titled
25 "Limited Term Appointments." At no point

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2 did any of the 14 individuals
3 affirmatively accept their appointment
4 with the understanding that the position
5 was temporary. None of these individuals
6 has been certified as rejected by the
7 Fire Department as if required by Civil
8 Service Regulation 14 titled
9 "Probationary Period."

10 These individuals were invited
11 to attend a promotional ceremony on July
12 17th, 2013 with their families and
13 honored as newly promoted fire captains
14 and fire lieutenants by Fire Commissioner
15 Lloyd Ayers.

16 Yesterday Commissioner Ayers
17 attended a hearing disputing the --
18 dealing with the challenge to the
19 Commonwealth Court's ruling that they
20 could be demoted, and he said yesterday
21 in court that he was forced to promote
22 these people based on the court order.

23 I have a number of pictures of
24 the promotional ceremony at the Fire
25 Academy which took place on July 17th.

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2 It is attended by Commissioner Ayers,
3 command staff, the promoted individuals,
4 the captain, and their families, and
5 Commissioner Ayers is smiling in every
6 one of these pictures. It doesn't seem
7 to me that he was forced to actually do
8 these promotions. And the reason why I
9 raise it is because in 1967 and then
10 again in 1975 when my father was promoted
11 to captain and then battalion chief, I
12 attended those ceremonies with my
13 brothers and my mother. They are some of
14 the most important memories that I have
15 growing up. We were very proud of what
16 my dad did for a living, because he put
17 on a uniform every day and went out to
18 save people's lives potentially.

19 Every one of these family
20 members that are in these pictures all
21 went through the same feelings, and all
22 of them are now going through the
23 feelings of why their brave dad, captain
24 or lieutenant, is being demoted by the
25 City of Philadelphia that they serve and

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2 the Fire Department that they serve. I
3 don't believe Commissioner Ayers wants to
4 do this. I think if you look at his
5 smiling countenance in these pictures, I
6 think he was very proud of what went on
7 that day, along with the spouses and
8 children of these firefighters, who are
9 also very proud of what went on that day.

10 The day before yesterday,
11 Everett Gillison said that, along with
12 the City Solicitor and Deputy
13 Commissioner Resnick -- Deputy Mayor
14 Resnick, that they were exercising a
15 management prerogative. So now on one
16 hand, Fire Commissioner Ayers says he was
17 forced to do something. On the other
18 hand, Chief of Staff Gillison and others
19 are saying they're exercising a
20 management prerogative. Well, the
21 definition of a management prerogative or
22 the definition of prerogative is a right
23 or a privilege exclusive to a particular
24 individual or class.

25 You can't have it both ways.

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2 If this is a management prerogative, then
3 I would suggest that they do the right
4 thing by these firefighters, these
5 captains, these lieutenants, and their
6 very proud families. There's many, many
7 other openings. There's 39 openings, I
8 believe, that are still available for
9 captains and lieutenants to be promoted.
10 Not to rescind these people, not to
11 demote them, not to embarrass them, not
12 to rip off their insignia, which is what
13 they plan to do in some not-so-open
14 ceremony soon, and just do the right
15 thing.

16 Change the dialogue. Change
17 the dialogue between the Fire Department
18 and this Administration in a positive and
19 compassionate way and move forward so we
20 don't have to continue to have these
21 hearings and these fights and these
22 lawsuits and this wasted tax money that
23 goes on and on and on and never seems to
24 stop.

25 All I'm asking them to do is do

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2 the right thing by these people and stop
3 this nonsense.

4 Thank you, Mr. President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilman.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
9 has been moved and properly seconded.

10 All those in favor?

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 ayes have it, and that resolution is
17 adopted.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you.

21 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
22 recognizing October as Philly Plays
23 Scrabble Month, introduced by
24 Councilwoman Blackwell.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

3 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
4 you, Mr. President. I move for the
5 adoption of the resolution.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded.

9 All those in favor?

10 (Aye.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 resolution is adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 recognizing September 29, 2013 through
18 October 5, 2013 as Prostate Cancer
19 Awareness Week in Philadelphia,
20 introduced by Councilman Greenlee for
21 Council President Clarke.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

24 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
25 you, Mr. President. I move the adoption

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2 of the resolution.

3 (Duly seconded.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
5 been moved and properly seconded.

6 All those in favor?

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
12 eyes have it, and that resolution is
13 adopted.

14 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
15 honoring the Court Appointed Special
16 Advocates of Philadelphia County,
17 introduced by Councilman Henon.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
22 of the resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
25 been moved and properly seconded.

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2 All those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it, and that resolution is
9 adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 urging the Board of Revision of Taxes to
12 provide for a deadline extension for the
13 filing of real estate market value
14 appeals, or otherwise make arrangements
15 to accept late appeals, for property
16 owners who have not received responses to
17 their First Level Reviews by October 7,
18 2013, introduced by Councilman Johnson.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I also would like to say
23 a few remarks and be recognized.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Please do, sir.

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2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Today,
3 myself and Councilman Mark Squilla,
4 supported by other Councilmembers,
5 introduced a resolution urging the Board
6 of Revision of Taxes to provide for a
7 deadline extension for the filing of real
8 estate market value appeals, or otherwise
9 make arrangements to accept late appeals,
10 for property owners who have not received
11 responses to their First Level Reviews by
12 October 7th, 2013.

13 The Administration has received
14 49,000 First Level Reviews and will not
15 finish its review process before the
16 October 7th deadline for appeals.
17 Property owners have just begun to find
18 out that they will not receive a response
19 before the appeal deadline less than two
20 weeks away and they have been receiving
21 additional mailings from the
22 Administration encouraging them to
23 appeal. And we have been receiving phone
24 calls, or actually my staff that was
25 working with constituents, who are pretty

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2 much confused about this whole process.

3 I just talked to a gentleman yesterday.

4 He is on disability. He's scared. He

5 doesn't know what to do. He thinks that

6 because he put in a First Level Review

7 form, that that was the actual appeal

8 process. They haven't responded to him,

9 so he wants to know why do I have to also

10 still put in an appeal for the October

11 7th deadline.

12 And so we want to urge the

13 Board of Revision of Taxes, if they can't

14 extend the deadline, to also work with us

15 in terms of making arrangements for

16 individuals who may appeal their property

17 taxes later than the October 7th deadline

18 and really give people a chance to adjust

19 to this process, because it's still

20 moving pretty quickly. And I know for a

21 fact -- and I'll state this for the

22 record -- when people get their tax bills

23 in 2014, we will revisit this issue on a

24 whole different level.

25 And so I want to ask for my

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2 Councilmembers' support for the
3 resolution, and I move for the adoption
4 of the resolution.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
7 has been moved and properly seconded.

8 All those in favor?

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Those opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 ayes have it, and that resolution is
15 adopted.

16 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
17 recognizing October as Parent and Family
18 Appreciation Month, introduced by
19 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds
22 Brown.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
24 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

25 (Duly seconded.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
3 been moved and properly seconded.

4 All those in favor?

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
10 resolution is adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 honoring and celebrating the National
13 Association for the Advancement of
14 Colored People, Philadelphia Chapter, for
15 their dedication to the youth, through
16 their advocacy for education, nonviolence
17 and community service, introduced by
18 Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
22 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
25 been moved and properly seconded.

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2 All those in favor?

3 (Aye.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Those opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
8 ayes have it, and that resolution is
9 adopted.

10 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
11 celebrating and recognizing October as
12 National Disability Employment Awareness
13 Month to raise awareness about disability
14 employment issues and celebrate the many
15 and varied contributions of people with
16 disabilities to the City of Philadelphia,
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and United
18 States of America, introduced by
19 Councilman Jones.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
23 again. I move for the adoption.

24 (Duly seconded.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

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2 been moved and properly seconded.

3 All those in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it, and that resolution is also
10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
12 proclaiming Saturday, October 19, 2013 as
13 Men Against Domestic Violence Day to
14 raise public awareness of the specter of
15 domestic violence and stand united in
16 support of victims of domestic violence
17 across the City of Philadelphia,
18 introduced by Councilman Jones.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
20 Chair again recognizes Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Again,
22 Mr. President, for the record, that was
23 introduced by Blackwell, Johnson, Brown,
24 and Greenlee, but I move for the
25 adoption.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
4 has been moved and properly seconded.

5 All those in favor?

6 (Aye.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Those opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 ayes have it, and that resolution is
12 adopted.

13 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
14 recognizing and honoring the d'Zert Club
15 and African Genesis Institute on their
16 20th Anniversary, introduced by
17 Councilwoman Bass.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Bass.

20 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I move for the adoption.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
24 been moved and properly seconded.

25 All those in favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and that resolution is
8 adopted.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 congratulating History Making Productions
11 and commemorating the work of Founder and
12 Executive Producer Sam Katz for his
13 multi-format historical documentary
14 television film and Internet project
15 Philadelphia: The Great Experiment,
16 introduced by Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Oh.

19 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
21 of the resolution.

22 (Duly seconded.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
24 been moved and properly seconded.

25 All those in favor?

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2 (Aye.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Those opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
7 ayes have it, and that resolution is
8 adopted.

9 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
10 recognizing September as Childhood Cancer
11 Awareness Month in honor of childhood
12 cancer patients, care givers, survivors
13 and those children who have succumbed to
14 the disease, introduced by Councilman Oh.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair again recognizes Councilman Oh.

17 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
18 Mr. President. I move for the adoption
19 of the resolution.

20 (Duly seconded.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
22 been moved and properly seconded.

23 All those in favor?

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 eyes have it, and that resolution is also
6 adopted.

7 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
8 other resolutions on the Final Passage
9 Calendar, Mr. President.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you very much. That concludes our
12 Calendar for today.

13 Are there any speeches on the
14 part of the minority?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Any
17 speeches on the part of the majority?

18 The Chair recognizes Councilman
19 Goode.

20 COUNCILMAN GOODE: Thank you,
21 Mr. President. I will be brief.

22 Last week I called on the
23 School Reform Commission to revisit its
24 policy on abating tax revenue that would
25 go to needy schools. I stated that not

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2 every project needs a full abatement, but
3 every school absolutely needs more money.

4 The SRC at its meeting this
5 week took testimony from a guidance
6 counselor that's now responsible for
7 thousands of students at multiple
8 schools. Then the SRC voted four to one
9 to abate some more money that could
10 possibly go to needy schools, but to its
11 credit -- and I believe in giving credit
12 where it's due -- the SRC did revisit its
13 policy. While they abated the taxes,
14 they also required payments in lieu of
15 taxes that would amount to almost \$2
16 million over ten years. One SRC member
17 voted no because there was no independent
18 analysis that showed that the schools
19 couldn't get a better deal. No kidding.

20 When originally packaged for
21 SRC approval, a full tax abatement was
22 requested. Now all of the sudden the
23 project owners can afford to pay least \$2
24 million in lieu of taxes. That's the
25 sham.

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2 My message is clear: Stop
3 taking money from public schools for
4 private profit. We should ask ourselves,
5 Where was that \$2 million going to go
6 before the new deal? Certainly not for
7 the kids.

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

14 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
15 you, Mr. President. Today I rise to talk
16 about RCOs, or registered community
17 organizations. During the times of then
18 Mayor John F. Street, he was called the
19 Neighborhood Mayor. Philadelphia was
20 known as the City of Neighborhoods, as it
21 is now, and our neighborhood groups took
22 great pride in knowing that neighborhoods
23 have a say and a right certainly to be
24 included in decisions that affect the
25 City.

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2 Fast forward, we were doing
3 zoning. We were satisfied with the red
4 neon signs and that process, but we fast
5 forward and the Zoning Commission decided
6 that they want to upgrade the code, and
7 they had meetings across the City. Well,
8 I went to all the meetings in my
9 district, and at no time did I hear
10 anybody talk about creating registered
11 community organizations and what that
12 would include. All right. We've had
13 that debate here. The only thing we did
14 was introduce a resolution making the
15 process easier. We didn't create them;
16 just making it easier for groups to
17 apply.

18 As many of you and all of you
19 will probably remember, the big argument
20 was, Councilwoman Blackwell, give it a
21 year, give it time, give it time. Now,
22 ever since they came up with this
23 process, we passed a bill to only make it
24 inclusive, because they wanted the
25 registered community organizations'

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2 minutes, bylaws, names of everybody on
3 the Board and everything else they could
4 think of, and we didn't know why they
5 needed that.

6 We also were concerned because
7 now we also have Year 2035 Plan, and the
8 community groups are already questioning
9 whether or not they want to improve a
10 plan or whether they want to gentrify and
11 have developers only make the decisions
12 on what happens in our city. So while
13 they asked us to wait a year, they were
14 interested in changing all of this RCO
15 information.

16 Now, the new bill that we have
17 introduced today calls on RCOs to be
18 yearly instead of three years. That's
19 one of the changes they want. They want
20 them to represent 3.5 miles, not 7 miles.
21 Now, remember, all of these things, all
22 of these requirements were issues they
23 put in the bill, not us. Now they want
24 to change it. They who argued and argued
25 and argued that we shouldn't change RCOs,

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2 we shouldn't change the Zoning Code, give
3 it a year. So in addition to that, they
4 want to change it again to 3.5 square
5 miles, not 7 miles.

6 Then they talk about notice
7 that registered community organizations
8 as well as developers must give to one
9 another. They're saying that they took
10 out notification that the Councilperson
11 and near neighborhoods get. And I'm
12 always reminded -- and I say this all the
13 time whenever it applies -- and, that is,
14 the late and great Lucien Blackwell
15 talked about his father going to vote,
16 and his father said -- somebody asked
17 him, Do you think you should have to read
18 and write the Constitution in order to
19 vote?

20 And the neighbor said, Yes.

21 And he said, Fool voting
22 himself out of a vote.

23 And I say that to say in the
24 legislation, they suggest that the
25 developers not even have to notify the

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2 Councilperson. They want to remove that
3 from the legislation. This is
4 legislation they wrote where they want to
5 take Councilpeople out of notification.
6 They want to take near neighbors out of
7 notification. They want to give those
8 who apply, the developers, more rights
9 than they give the community
10 organizations.

11 I believe that they created
12 these issues, and if they want to be
13 fair, they have to realize that we not
14 only represent developers,
15 institutions -- and I represent more of
16 those than anybody and we deal with
17 development, but we're also elected by
18 these RCOs, by community organizations,
19 and people across the City who elect us
20 to represent all of them. We don't have
21 the luxury like maybe those Zoning Code
22 people or the City Planning Commission to
23 decide that we're going to speak or we're
24 going to deal with one side of the
25 equation only. We can't just represent

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2 developers. We have to represent those
3 people in our neighborhoods who send us
4 here as well.

5 I do also absolutely resent
6 that they try to take Councilpeople out
7 also in the Civic Design Review issue.
8 They're saying there has to be one
9 meeting only, no matter how many they
10 are. They created this process. So if
11 you have three or four RCOs, where before
12 they could -- the developer could call
13 for a few meetings, they're saying that
14 it's up to the community organizations,
15 who could be opposing groups, it's up to
16 registered community organizations to
17 find a way to get along so that the
18 developers only have to call one meeting.
19 They give them that authority, but they
20 don't give the community organizations
21 any.

22 They also take out the right to
23 have a rotating community organization on
24 the Civic Design Review Committee, and
25 they take out the right of the District

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2 Councilperson sitting on that committee.
3 Remember, that's non-voting. It's just
4 that they have decided that we as
5 District Councilpeople don't have any
6 right to have a say in this. And this
7 2035 Plan they have, I guess they might
8 as well just figure they're going to just
9 take us out of office.

10 I resent people who try to
11 undermine this Council, who try to
12 undermine our right to represent people,
13 institutions, and developers. And I call
14 on those who call for all these Zoning
15 Board changes in the first place, I
16 appeal to them. You went to the
17 community groups. You asked for all
18 this. I call on them to go back, call
19 those meetings again to the same
20 community groups. If those community
21 groups are pleased with these changes,
22 then we can be pleased with the changes.
23 But to have come up with this and then
24 realize that they created the biggest
25 mess and then call on us to undermine our

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2 community groups, not developers, is the
3 wrong thing to do.

4 So I call on those who want the
5 Zoning Code changes. You created this.
6 You went to groups. You met across the
7 City. You said they wanted this, not
8 that I heard it in my meetings in my
9 district. You said they wanted this.
10 Then you should go back to those groups
11 if you want them to change and certainly
12 ask them those questions.

13 So I challenge them to come
14 forward, to call on meetings in these
15 community groups, and we look forward to
16 continuing dialogue and debate on this
17 issue.

18 Thank you, Mr. President.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you, Councilwoman.

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
23 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES:

25 Mr. President, I want to recognize a

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2 group of students here today from the
3 Walter D. Palmer Leadership Learning
4 Charter School, and I want to recognize
5 them in context -- are they here? There
6 they go. Give them a round of applause.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: They're here
9 to observe us in our natural habitat, if
10 you would, dealing with public policy
11 issues as they heard today. It reminds
12 me, however, that we are still kicking
13 the can down the road on full funding for
14 our public schools.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: We here have
17 done our job in this body. We here have
18 done what we could with the revenues we
19 have, but we still await additional
20 resources. We started in September. We
21 don't know if we're going to be able to
22 go on the current budget until June.

23 I had a disturbing visit up to
24 Harrisburg to observe a high school
25 called SciTech High School. In that high

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2 school, they were dealing with robotics,
3 an international competition,
4 Mr. President. They were teaching robots
5 and mechanically how to move back,
6 forward, pick up things in an
7 increasingly more competitive,
8 complicated environment where warehouses
9 now are occupied by robots, so they need
10 to have those skills.

11 I then came to my alma mater,
12 Overbrook High School, to look at their
13 robotics class, where I fought back
14 tears, seeing a struggling teacher doing
15 what she could for our students, dealing
16 with a cardboard box and a plastic wire
17 to simulate movement within the robotics
18 class. This is absolutely unacceptable,
19 and the education funding gap between
20 what kids worldwide need to achieve and
21 what we get in the City of Philadelphia
22 must be filled.

23 So as we deal with the school
24 year and we open the school doors, we
25 don't want them closed mid spring

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2 prematurely because of lack of funding.

3 Our eyes are turned towards those who can
4 help in Harrisburg.

5 Thank you, Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you, Councilman.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
12 Mr. President. Very often we privately
13 congratulate and salute our comrades when
14 they have achieved a major legislative
15 victory. I want to go on the record and
16 publicly congratulate Councilman Goode on
17 the Minimum Wage and Benefits Ordinance
18 and the process that was engaged in by
19 POWER. I found that their grace and
20 diplomacy and strategic action to be
21 very, very commendable, and it all yields
22 a very, very positive outcome. So
23 congratulations to Councilman Goode and
24 POWER.

25 Secondly, I want to say thank

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2 you to my Councilmembers who were able to
3 join us yesterday at the signing of the
4 Women on Boards Bill. After 18 months of
5 work, the first leg of this journey has
6 been accomplished, and we feel very, very
7 good about that when we continue to
8 wrestle with disturbing facts that less
9 than one percent of women of color serve
10 on boards, and right here in the region,
11 there are 41 percent of our boards have
12 no women on the boards at all, and that's
13 a lot startling when there's a growing
14 body of global research that says that
15 when you have the presence of women in
16 leadership and corporate positions, the
17 profitability spikes up.

18 Additionally, there is
19 increasing acknowledgment that a strong,
20 positive -- and a strong, positive
21 correlation between a number of board
22 seats held by women and financial
23 performance. Credible data supports the
24 business case for having boards reflect a
25 broader population and consumer base.

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2 And then, lastly, when you
3 factor in that women make up 80 percent
4 of the consumer decisions, it behooves
5 Philadelphia as a region to get with the
6 program and do better with regards to
7 women serving on boards.

8 So I thank my colleagues, and
9 know that there is subsequent additional
10 legislation in the wings of this stage of
11 trying to level the playing field for
12 women.

13 Thank you, Mr. President.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Councilwoman.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon.

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
20 Mr. President. I want to acknowledge
21 Councilwoman's concerns, Councilwoman
22 Blackwell's, concerns with the RCO bill
23 that was introduced today, and I want to
24 let you know that not only do I respect
25 your opinion and value your perspective,

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2 I care about you very much, both
3 personally and professionally. And what
4 I found out in the short period of time
5 here on our first term is that we won't
6 agree on everything here in this body,
7 but we do agree to try to do what's best
8 for our communities that we are elected
9 to represent and the City of
10 Philadelphia. But I can promise both
11 Councilwoman and other members of this
12 body that I am committed to working
13 through any issues or concerns that
14 anyone may have to the proposed changes
15 so that we could produce the best
16 possible public policy.

17 So thank you all for your time.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you, Councilman.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 There being no other speeches, at this
23 time I would like to recognize
24 Councilwoman Brown for a motion to
25 adjourn.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
3 Mr. President. I move that Council stand
4 adjourned until Thursday, October 3rd,
5 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded that
9 Council stand adjourned until Thursday,
10 October 3rd, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

11 All those in favor?

12 (Aye.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Those opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 ayes have it. Council is adjourned.

18 Thank you all very much.

19 (Stated Meeting adjourned at
20 12:15 p.m.)

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