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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
STATED MEETING

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 10, 2016
10:50 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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COUNCILMAN HENON: Good morning. I note that the hour has come and that a quorum is present here in City Council. Council will come to order. Members, will you please take your seats. Visitors, would you retire to the seats outside the rails before the proceeding, and I would ask that all those present please set your cell phones on silent or on vibrate. Thank you so much.

To give our invocation this morning, the Chair recognizes Father Kuriakose of Saint Thomas Indian Orthodox Church. He is here today as the guest of Councilman Taubenberger, and I would ask all members and guests to please rise.

(Councilmembers and guests rise.)

FATHER KURIAKOSE: Good morning, everybody.

(Good morning.)

FATHER KURIAKOSE: I take this as an honor to be invited to be in this session of the City Council.

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2 Congratulate all members who are working
3 hard for the City. All that we do is our
4 prayer for all of you every day and
5 clearly on Sunday worship.

6 Being Orthodox priest, I have
7 very special dress, which you have seen
8 now. I make sure that I don't wear this
9 at Halloween time because people get
10 confused. But as the new day has begun,
11 let us pray.

12 Lord, our God, glory and praise
13 and admiration are due to you. Our
14 Heavenly Parent, we acknowledge your
15 loving presence in our midst, as we are
16 gathered here as the City Council and
17 those who are responsible to shoulder the
18 various tasks to make this a functional
19 and friendly city.

20 We acknowledge your
21 unconditional love for us regardless who
22 we are, regardless of our weaknesses or
23 strength, regardless of our background,
24 our color, status, education, religion,
25 faith or gender.

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2 We acknowledge also, Dear God,
3 that we sometimes did not emulate your
4 unconditional love in our lives. We have
5 been enjoying your free gift of the
6 nature and endless resources. We will
7 now be responsible in sharing the
8 resources that you gave us.

9 Sometimes we even fought each
10 other with our conscience to claim our
11 own spoils. We were sometimes ruthless
12 with the nature, and failed in maintaining
13 its beauty and purity. We were sometimes
14 lazy, and most of the time we lost the
15 opportunities that came in front of us.
16 Sometimes we did not use our talents in
17 the right way for the edification of our
18 community. For all those we ask for your
19 pardon.

20 Now, Dear Lord, we as your
21 children are privileged to bring our
22 supplications to you. We pray for our
23 city, our City of Brotherly Love and
24 Sisterly Affection, and it has been under
25 your care always. This premier city that

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2 witnessed the American freedom, the city
3 that has a proud diversity and harmony,
4 the city that welcome the people of all
5 cultures is our (unintelligible).

6 Today when we are in session,
7 we ask for your special blessings on the
8 entire city; our Mayor, Jim Kenney; the
9 City Council; especially the members of
10 the entire Police and Fire forces whose
11 life is always set on edge for our sake;
12 and the workers in the City Hall. It's
13 auxiliaries, various departments that
14 make the City run smoothly and
15 efficiently, the health, education,
16 travel, construction, love, social
17 services, religious services, recreation
18 efforts, political system, and the media
19 of operation controlled by this
20 Administration.

21 May we be united in fighting
22 life issues than people. May be we able
23 to help each other instead of exploiting
24 each other. May we be inspired to be
25 law-abiding citizens and not to bring

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2 corruption into the system. May we be
3 selfless in carrying out our duties to
4 each resident in the City without
5 partiality. May be we committed to
6 practice our name Philadelphia,
7 exhibiting brotherly love and sisterly
8 affection.

9 Dear God, instill in us the
10 true wisdom to see everyone as a child of
11 God and as our own kith and kin. Give us
12 the insight that we are here to serve and
13 not to be served. Help us, Lord, to
14 understand good and evil clearly. Help
15 us to be instruments of social justice,
16 fairness, removing all violence, deceit,
17 falsehood, arrogance, anger, vengeance,
18 and hatred. Bring peace and amity and
19 harmony in our communities that we will
20 enjoy tranquility and peace.

21 Help us to fulfill the
22 useful -- to be as useful tools to
23 eradicate poverty from our city and make
24 the City prosper day by day, the people
25 in the City be able to quiet the highest

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2 sense of dedication to hard work, to pay
3 the taxes on time, abide the law's land,
4 keep it clean, beautiful, and be
5 accountable in all their day-to-day
6 activities.

7 And we bring you glory, Dear
8 Heavenly Parent, now and always, forever
9 and ever.

10 Amen.

11 (Amen.)

12 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair
13 thanks the Father for his invocation.

14 Council now will be at ease.

15 (Council at ease.)

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: The next
17 order of business is the approval of the
18 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
19 3rd, 2016.

20 The Chair recognizes Councilman
21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
23 you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the
24 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
25 3rd, 2016 be approved.

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2 (Duly seconded.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
4 been moved and properly seconded that the
5 Journal of the meeting of Thursday, March
6 3rd, 2016 stand approved.

7 All those in favor will
8 indicate by saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 COUNCILMAN HENON: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
13 ayes have it. The Journal is now
14 approved.

15 The next order of business will
16 be requests for leaves of absence.

17 The Chair now recognizes
18 Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
20 morning. On behalf of the majority,
21 there are no requests for leaves of
22 absence today.

23 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

3 On behalf of the republicans, there are
4 no requests for leave of absence.

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair
6 thanks the gentleman. No leaves will be
7 granted.

8 The Chair will now dispense
9 with the regular order of business to
10 recognize the guests and all the visitors
11 that are here to join us today in the
12 Chamber. So good morning to you all. On
13 behalf of all members of this City
14 Council, we welcome you and we welcome
15 you to our Council session, and we
16 appreciate you taking the time to join us
17 as we attend to the legislative affairs
18 of our city and we certainly invite you
19 to come back and join us soon.

20 At this time, the Chair would
21 recognize myself, who has a presentation,
22 presenting a resolution honoring Paul
23 Doris as the Grand Marshal of the 246th
24 Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Would
25 Paul Doris and those accompanying him

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2 please join the Councilmembers at the
3 podium, please, which is right here in
4 front of us.

5 (Councilmembers and guests
6 approached podium.)

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: So the Chair
8 is going to recognize Councilman Johnson,
9 Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman Clarke
10 and Councilwoman Gym for the
11 presentation.

12 (Bagpipes playing.)

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: If you just
15 stand by for a moment, we have an
16 additional treat.

17 (Irish dancers dancing.)

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
20 girls.

21 I want to thank a few people
22 before we start the presentation. I want
23 to thank Joe Tobin, the bagpipers, and
24 Olivia Hilpl and the Rince dancers. They
25 did a wonderful job.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: The 1960

4 Committee. I want to thank them for

5 being here. The Parade Committee, which

6 is behind me. I happen to be a proud

7 member of the Saint Patrick's Observance

8 Day Committee, who is present by our

9 President, Chris Phillips, and the Parade

10 Committee Chairman, Mike Bradley.

11 So I want to thank you all. I

12 want to thank Olivia Hilpl and again Joe

13 Tobin for their presentation here today.

14 With that, honoring Paul Doris

15 as the Grand Marshal of the 246th Annual

16 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

17 Whereas, Paul Doris was born

18 and raised in Coalisland County Tyrone,

19 where he first experienced religious

20 discrimination and injustice. The

21 political upheaval in Northern Ireland

22 also had a profound impact on his life.

23 Paul turned to Gaelic football as an

24 escape to the troubles in his homeland;

25 and

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Whereas,
3 Paul endured the anguish of several
4 family tragedies over the course of the
5 next few years. So when offered the
6 opportunity to play Gaelic football in
7 Philadelphia in 1974, Paul jumped at the
8 chance and immigrated to the United
9 States; and

10 Whereas, two short years later,
11 Paul met and married the love of his
12 life, Rosemary. Together they have two
13 children, Deirdre and Brendan, and five
14 grandchildren; and

15 Whereas, Paul was an active
16 member of Teamsters Local 115 for 32
17 years, rising through the ranks and
18 becoming shop steward until his
19 retirement in 2011; and

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,
21 Paul's love of Gaelic football has never
22 waned. Paul is a founding member of the
23 Shamrocks football team and has been an
24 active member in the GAA since he arrived
25 in Philadelphia. He also owns the

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2 distinction of being the only referee
3 from Philadelphia to officiate the North
4 American Football Final; and

5 Whereas, Paul also played a
6 prominent role in the establishment and
7 progressive agenda of the Federation of
8 Irish Societies in an effort to ensure
9 the Irish Community in Philadelphia was
10 united in their opposition to the British
11 injustice in Ireland; and

12 Whereas
13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: As a
14 member of Irish Northern Aid, Paul is
15 still active in marches, protests and
16 fundraising for this cause and has served
17 as the National President of INA. Paul
18 has been honored in both the United
19 States and Ireland for his years of
20 service in the pursuit of Irish Freedom;

21 Whereas, in addition to
22 recognizing Paul's distinction of serving
23 as Grand Marshal of this parade, the Ring
24 of Honor this year will also include Matt
25 Regan, Kevin McGillian, Siobhan Trainor,

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2 James McPaul, Eileen Daly, Pearse Kerr,
3 Gerry McHale, Frances Duffy and Pat
4 Bonner; and

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: The 2016
6 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will recognize
7 the sacrifice of those who took part in
8 one of Ireland's most historic events,
9 the 1916 Easter Uprising. The Irish
10 diaspora in Philadelphia provided
11 political, moral and financial support
12 for the Uprising, so it is fitting that,
13 in the very city that our own Declaration
14 of Independence was signed, the Saint
15 Patrick's Day Observance Association pay
16 homage to those who declared Ireland's
17 independence from British rule on Easter
18 Monday, April 24th, 1916; and now,
19 therefore

20 COUNCILMAN HENON: I had to put
21 the sash over the right shoulder. Excuse
22 me.

23 Therefore, be it resolved, by
24 the City Council of the City of
25 Philadelphia, that we hereby honor and

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2 congratulate Paul Doris as the Grand
3 Marshal of the 246th Annual Saint
4 Patrick's Day Parade.

5 Resolved further, that an
6 engrossed copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Paul Doris, further
8 evidencing the grateful appreciation and
9 deep admiration of this legislative body.

10 So I want to thank him,
11 everybody here who is joining us, and a
12 little point of personal privilege.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Before we
15 bring up our Grand Marshal for remarks,
16 one of our other members that are up
17 here, we all know John McNesby. It's his
18 birthday today. Happy 50th birthday,
19 Mr. McNesby.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: The Chair
22 warmly recognizes Mr. Paul Doris for
23 remarks.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. DORIS: First of all, I'd

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2 like to thank Council President Clarke,
3 Councilmember Henon for offering this
4 resolution.

5 I'm not going to say too much.
6 I don't have a prayer or anything. I
7 think we got that, so I'll try and keep
8 this short.

9 This year, as was said, is a
10 very, very important year in the history
11 of Ireland. We have had a long troubled
12 past, but in 1916, men and women took off
13 our arms against the British, which earls
14 just as here did in the 1700s, with the
15 simple goal of ruling their own country.
16 We don't need any interference from
17 anybody else to rule our country.

18 So the news that it was almost
19 a failed cause, but there said, before
20 the day -- 15 of them were executed
21 within a week. There said, before the
22 day, at least their somber face will
23 awake the nation of Ireland, which it
24 did, and a few years after that, we won
25 independence for 26 of the 32 counties.

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2 We still have such to get.

3 England has plundered the ward over. The
4 only living colony left is Northern
5 Ireland. It's not even the size of
6 Pennsylvania. And it's not much for us
7 to ask, for us to work for, is that
8 little bit united, along with the rest of
9 Ireland, to make one Ireland whole and
10 proud again.

11 So I just leave it at that. I
12 just want to thank the Parade Committee
13 for acknowledging 1916 this year, the
14 hundredth anniversary. And I'd like to
15 remind people that on April the 24th over
16 here at Independence Hall, we're having a
17 celebration on the actual date that it
18 happened, which is April 24th, 1916.

19 I'd like to thank my wife, my
20 family, and all the people that's here
21 today. And once again to City Council,
22 you have been great to us through the
23 years and I hope it continues.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Council
3 will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: At this
6 time, the Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Green, who will present a resolution
8 recognizing the outstanding contributions
9 of Julian Abele. Would Peter Cook and
10 those accompanying him please join the
11 Councilman at the podium.

12 (Councilmembers and guests
13 approached podium.)

14 COUNCILMAN HENON: Joining the
15 Councilman is Councilwoman Parker,
16 Councilman Kenyatta Johnson.

17 And while everybody is
18 approaching, the Chair would also like to
19 recognize State Representative Michael
20 Driscoll, who joined us here today.

21 Thank you for joining us,
22 Representative.

23 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Good
24 morning. It's a pleasure to be here this
25 morning to recognize an outstanding

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2 leader in the history of the City of
3 Philadelphia. This morning we're doing a
4 resolution recognizing and honoring the
5 outstanding contributions and
6 achievements of Julian Abele, an
7 accomplished architect and Philadelphia
8 resident.

9 Whereas, Julian Francis Abele,
10 the first African-American graduate of
11 the University of Pennsylvania's
12 Architecture Program, received scant
13 recognition during his lifetime despite
14 his significant and many professional
15 contributions; and

16 Whereas, although Fiske
17 Kimball, noted architectural historian
18 and director of the Philadelphia Museum
19 of Art, acknowledged that Abele was one
20 of the most sensitive designers anywhere
21 in America in 1942, Abele remained
22 virtually unknown outside of
23 Philadelphia's architectural community
24 until the '70s and '80s; and

25 Whereas, born in Philadelphia

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2 in 1881, Abele lived most of his life in
3 the City, residing at 1515 Christian
4 Street for several decades of his adult
5 life; and

6 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:

7 Whereas, an accomplished student, Abele
8 graduated from the Philadelphia Museum
9 and School of Industrial Art in 1898 and
10 entered into the prestigious Architecture
11 Program at the University of Pennsylvania
12 that very same year, where he won several
13 impressive awards and served as the
14 president of the University's
15 Architectural Society during his senior
16 year; and

17 Whereas, after graduating from
18 Penn in 1902, Abele augmented his
19 education by studying architectural
20 design at the Pennsylvania Academy of the
21 Fine Arts while working evenings for the
22 noted Philadelphia architect Louis C.
23 Hickman;

24 Whereas, Abele spent the next
25 five years studying design in Paris and

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2 was influenced by the 18th Century French
3 architecture throughout his career; and

4 Whereas, in 1907, Abele
5 returned to Philadelphia and joined the
6 firm of Horace Trumbauer, a popular
7 architectural design house that was
8 responsible for many mansions in
9 Philadelphia, New York and Newport, Rhode
10 Island, as well as apartment houses,
11 offices, school buildings, theatres,
12 hospitals, clubhouses, churches,
13 libraries and museums;

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Whereas,
15 one of Abele's largest projects was the
16 firm's commission to design and supervise
17 the construction of the Philadelphia
18 Museum of Art; and

19 Whereas, in 1909, he ascended
20 to the firm's top position, chief
21 designer, a remarkable accomplishment in
22 light of his young age and race and he
23 continued to be the top designer of the
24 Trumbauer firm until his death in 1950;
25 and

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2 Whereas, he designed the Duke
3 University Chapel, as well as many other
4 buildings on the campus; and

5 Whereas, in 1942, Abele was
6 elected to the American Institute of
7 Architects; and

8 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Whereas,
9 in his private life, Abele was a quiet,
10 serious man, yet brilliant and witty, who
11 appreciated all things French, enjoying
12 fine wine, classical music and opera and
13 who engaged in water color painting,
14 sketching, jewelry and furniture making;
15 and

16 Whereas, he married Marguerite
17 Bulle, a French woman, and had two
18 children, a son and a daughter, but after
19 several years the couple parted although
20 they never divorced; and

21 Whereas, today, we appreciate
22 Abele as one of the early 20th Century's
23 most adept designers of revival
24 buildings, who rejuvenated many
25 long-dormant styles as vital, modern

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2 forms of architectural expression and
3 changed the skyline of Philadelphia and
4 much of the United States; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Resolved, by
7 the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
8 that Council does hereby recognize and
9 honor the outstanding contributions and
10 achievements of Julian Abele, an
11 accomplished architect and Philadelphia
12 resident.

13 This resolution is signed by
14 all members of City Council and supported
15 by this body.

16 I had an opportunity to do a
17 tour of the Art Museum with both Gail
18 Harrity and Nicole White and learned that
19 his great nephew, Peter Cook, would be in
20 Philadelphia today, and that was the
21 impetus of doing this resolution. We
22 also know we just went through Black
23 History Month, but as you all know, Black
24 History is 365 days, and Mr. Abele was
25 recognized in the General Assembly but

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2 had not been recognized here in the City
3 of Philadelphia. So at this time, we
4 wanted to make sure we did this
5 acknowledgment to Mr. Julian Abele for
6 all the work he has done on behalf of the
7 City of Philadelphia.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair
10 recognizes Mr. Cook for remarks.

11 MR. COOK: On behalf of the
12 Abele family, on behalf of the Cook
13 family, let me say thank you very much to
14 everybody here for taking the time to
15 bestow this honor on Julian Abele.

16 I too am an architect, and I
17 know it's one of the great aspirations of
18 so many architects to leave a lasting
19 contribution on the environment, and I'll
20 simply say that Julian Abele clearly did
21 that, and he did that extraordinarily
22 well and with grace.

23 So thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you so

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2 much.

3 Council will be at ease.

4 (Council at ease.)

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: Before we

6 start our next order of business, the

7 Chair would like to recognize the

8 presence of Senator Larry Farnese.

9 Senator, thank you for joining

10 us.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you. The next order of business is

13 communications. The Chair requests that

14 the Sergeant-of-Arms delivers the

15 messages from the Mayor to the Chief

16 Clerk.

17 Mr. Decker, please read those

18 messages.

19 CHIEF CLERK: To the President

20 and members of the Council of the City of

21 Philadelphia, I am pleased to advise you

22 that on March 8, 2016, I signed the

23 remaining bills which were passed by

24 Council at its session on February 25,

25 2016.

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2 And I am submitting herewith
3 for the consideration of your honorable
4 body a resolution authorizing the
5 redevelopment contract of the
6 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
7 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
8 portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal
9 Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by
10 house number and street address as 5852
11 Race Street; and

12 A resolution approving the
13 redevelopment contract of the
14 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
15 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
16 portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal
17 Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by
18 house number and street address as 5146
19 Wyalusing Avenue; and

20 A resolution authorizing the
21 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
22 dispose of certain properties located in
23 the Fifth Councilmanic District that will
24 be transferred by the City to the
25 Authority, by conveyance of such

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2 properties to the Philadelphia Land Bank
3 in accordance with terms of Chapter
4 16-700 of The Philadelphia Code, all
5 under certain terms and conditions.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you, Mr. Decker. Do you have any
8 additional communications?

9 CHIEF CLERK: I have none,
10 Mr. President.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
12 Thank you very much.

13 The next order of business is
14 introduction of bills and resolutions,
15 and the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
16 Reynolds Brown.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Good
18 morning, Mr. President. I have one
19 privileged resolution.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you, Councilwoman.

22 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
23 resolution authorizing the Committee on
24 the Environment to conduct public
25 hearings to investigate the relationship

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2 between poor Indoor Environmental Quality
3 and high incidences of childhood asthma.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
5 that will be on this week's Final Passage
6 Calendar.

7 The Chair recognizes
8 Councilwoman Blackwell.

9 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. Today I introduce
11 one non-privileged resolution.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Thank you, Councilwoman.

14 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
15 resolution approving the redevelopment
16 contract of the Philadelphia
17 Redevelopment Authority for the
18 redevelopment and urban renewal of a
19 portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal
20 Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by
21 house number and street address as 5146
22 Wyalusing Avenue.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
24 that will be on next week's Final Passage
25 Calendar.

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2 The Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Greenlee.

4 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
5 you, Mr. President. On your behalf, I
6 offer one bill and one resolution.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you, Councilman.

9 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance to
10 amend the Philadelphia Zoning Maps by
11 changing the zoning designations of
12 certain areas of land located within an
13 area bounded by Hamilton Street, 15th
14 Street, Callowhill Street, and 16th
15 Street.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
17 bill will be referred to committee.

18 CHIEF CLERK: And a
19 non-privileged resolution authorizing the
20 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to
21 dispose of certain properties located in
22 the Fifth Councilmanic District that will
23 be transferred by the City to the
24 Authority, by conveyance of such
25 properties to the Philadelphia Land Bank.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
3 that will be on next week's Final Passage
4 Calendar.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Henon.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
8 Mr. President. Today I offer one bill on
9 your behalf.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
11 Thank you, Councilman.

12 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
13 amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia
14 Code, entitled "Contracts and
15 Procurement," by adding language to bar
16 the City from contracting with companies
17 that use tax inversion and earnings
18 stripping strategies to avoid paying
19 taxes to the United States of America.

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

22 Thank you, Mr. Decker.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 Jones.

25 COUNCILMAN JONES:

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2 Mr. President, I have one bill and one
3 resolution on your behalf.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
7 resolution calling for the Committee on
8 Public Safety to hold hearings on
9 improvements to the Philadelphia Police
10 Department video surveillance systems and
11 programs and other crime prevention tools
12 such as the ShotSpotter gunfire detection
13 system.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you. That will be on today's Final
16 Passage Calendar.

17 CHIEF CLERK: And a
18 non-privileged resolution approving the
19 redevelopment contract of the
20 Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority for
21 the redevelopment and urban renewal of a
22 portion of the Haddington Urban Renewal
23 Area, Unit Nos. 2 and 3, identified by
24 house number and street address as 5852
25 Race Street.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
3 that will be on next week's Final Passage
4 Calendar.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilman
6 Johnson.

7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Council
8 President, I have nothing today.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 The Chair recognizes
12 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

13 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
14 you, Council President. I have one
15 non-privileged resolution.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Thank you, Councilwoman.

18 CHIEF CLERK: A non-privileged
19 resolution authorizing the Commissioner
20 of Public Property to execute and deliver
21 to the Philadelphia Redevelopment
22 Authority, without consideration, deeds
23 conveying conditional fee simple title to
24 certain City-owned lots or pieces of
25 ground with the buildings and

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2 improvements thereon, situate in the
3 Seventh and Twenty-Third Wards of the
4 City of Philadelphia.

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

8 The Chair recognizes Councilman
9 Green.

10 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
11 Council President. I have three
12 privileged resolutions.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you, Councilman.

15 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
16 resolution honoring the Philadelphia Gas
17 Works on the occasion of its 180th
18 Anniversary.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
20 will be on this week's Final Passage
21 Calendar.

22 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
23 resolution authorizing the Committee on
24 Commerce & Economic Development to hold
25 hearings regarding the Abandoned and

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2 Blighted Property Conservatorship Act of
3 Pennsylvania.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
5 week's Final Passage Calendar.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
7 resolution authorizing the Committee on
8 the Environment to hold hearings to
9 examine the Solar Schools for
10 Philadelphia report released by
11 PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center
12 and Frontier Group, and to investigate
13 financing options for the School District
14 of Philadelphia and to use its land and
15 building stock for solar energy
16 generation.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
18 that will be on this week's Final Passage
19 Calendar.

20 The Chair recognizes
21 Councilwoman Parker.

22 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank
23 you, Mr. President. I have no bills or
24 resolutions today.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 The Chair recognizes Councilman
4 Domb.

5 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Good morning,
6 Mr. President. Today I have one
7 privileged resolution and two bills, one
8 co-sponsored by Councilman Jones.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilman.

11 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance
12 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
13 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
14 Collections," by amending Chapter
15 19-1300, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to
16 impose additional requirements on tax
17 abatements.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
19 bill will be referred to committee.

20 CHIEF CLERK: And an ordinance
21 amending Title 19 of The Philadelphia
22 Code, entitled "Finance, Taxes and
23 Collections," by amending Chapter
24 19-1300, entitled "Real Estate Taxes," to
25 modify the terms of some abatements.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Referred to committee.

4 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
5 resolution acknowledging and recognizing
6 Startup PHL Presents: Amplify Philly
7 SXSW Edition, a partnership of 30 public
8 and private organizations, that have
9 joined together to highlight
10 Philadelphia's startup and tech community
11 and promote Philadelphia as a hub for
12 startups at the South by Southwest
13 Conference & Festival taking place March
14 11th through March 20th in Austin, Texas.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Thank you. That will be on today's Final
17 Passage Calendar.

18 And the Chair recognizes
19 Councilman Domb.

20 COUNCILMAN DOMB: I'd like to
21 request the opportunity to speak on the
22 resolution before it's voted on.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Councilman.

25 The Chair recognizes

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2 Councilwoman Gym.

3 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: No bills or
4 resolutions this morning, Mr. President.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 The Chair recognizes Councilman
8 Taubenberger.

9 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:

10 Councilman, good morning and colleagues
11 as well. I have one privileged
12 resolution by myself and also
13 Councilwoman Bass.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, Councilman.

16 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
17 resolution recognizing and honoring March
18 10th as Harriet Tubman Day in the City of
19 Philadelphia.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
21 that will be on today's Final Passage
22 Calendar.

23 The Chair recognizes Councilman
24 O'Neill.

25 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,

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2 Mr. President. I have no bills or
3 resolutions.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Squilla.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. I have one non-privileged
10 resolution.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you, Councilman.

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

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

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2 that will be on next week's Final Passage
3 Calendar.

4 The Chair recognizes
5 Councilwoman Bass.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Thank you,
7 Mr. President. I offer one privileged
8 resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you, Councilwoman.

11 CHIEF CLERK: A privileged
12 resolution authorizing Council's
13 Committee on Commerce & Economic
14 Development to investigate and hold
15 hearings to determine whether the City of
16 Philadelphia should develop a local
17 Mentor-Protege Program to enhance the
18 capacity of Minority, Women, or Disabled
19 Owned Enterprises to compete for
20 procurement opportunities in the
21 Philadelphia metropolitan marketplace.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you. And that will be on this
24 week's Final Passage Calendar.

25 The Chair now recognizes

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2 Councilman Oh.

3 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,

4 Mr. President. I offer one privileged

5 resolution co-sponsored by Councilmembers

6 Derek Green, Mark Squilla, Blondell

7 Reynolds Brown, Cindy Bass, and Kenyatta

8 Johnson, and one bill. And may I be

9 heard on the bill briefly after it is

10 read?

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you, Councilman.

13 CHIEF CLERK: An ordinance

14 amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia

15 Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Building

16 Construction and Occupancy Code," Subcode

17 "PM" (The Philadelphia Property

18 Maintenance Code), Chapter 3, "General

19 Requirements," to require inspections of

20 certain bridges, to impose reporting,

21 remediation, and other requirements in

22 connection therewith, all under certain

23 terms and conditions.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

25 that bill will be referred to the

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2 appropriate committee.

3 And the Chair recognizes
4 Councilman Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you,
6 Mr. President. Last year I introduced a
7 bill regarding orphan bridges and roads,
8 particularly those that are not being
9 inspected and not being maintained in our
10 city, and I worked with at the time
11 Streets Commissioner David Perri, and now
12 he is the Commissioner of L&I and I'd
13 like to credit him with the work that was
14 done in that bill. So although I've
15 introduced it, I'd like to say that he
16 did most of the work there, and as L&I
17 Commissioner, I believe he's come up with
18 a very good solution to the problem of
19 these deteriorating and uninspected
20 bridges, skywalks and other things.

21 Thank you very much.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you, Councilman.

24 CHIEF CLERK: And a privileged
25 resolution recognizing and honoring The

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2 Philadelphia Clef Club of Jazz and
3 Performing Arts for Serving and
4 Representing Philadelphia as a Legendary
5 Institution of Jazz Performance and
6 Education on the Occasion of its 50th
7 Anniversary.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
9 that will be on this week's Final Passage
10 Calendar.

11 And that concludes our
12 introduction of bills and resolutions.
13 We will now have our reports from
14 committee, and the Chair recognizes
15 Councilwoman Blackwell for a report from
16 the Committee on Finance.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
19 Finance reports two bills out with a
20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
24 you.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Mr. Decker, please read that report.

3 CHIEF CLERK: To the President
4 and members of the Council of the City of
5 Philadelphia, the Committee on Finance,
6 to which was referred Bill No. 160004,
7 entitled "An ordinance amending
8 Subsection 19-2604(8) of The Philadelphia
9 Code, entitled 'Green Roofs' Tax Credit,'
10 to amend definitions and make other
11 technical changes"; and

12 Bill No. 160012, entitled "An
13 ordinance amending Chapter 19-3900 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled 'Tax
15 Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants
16 of Residential Properties,' by extending
17 the time for which such exemptions are
18 available," respectfully reports it has
19 considered and amended the same and
20 returns the attached bills to Council
21 with a favorable recommendation.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
23 the Chair again recognizes Councilwoman
24 Blackwell.

25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I move that the
3 rules of Council be suspended so as to
4 permit first reading this day of Bills
5 No. 160004 and 160012.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you. It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bills No.
12 160004 and 160012.

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and those bills will be
20 placed on our First Reading Calendar
21 today.

22 The Chair now recognizes
23 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez for a
24 report from the Committee on
25 Appropriations.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
3 you, Mr. President. The Committee on
4 Appropriations reports four bills with a
5 favorable recommendation.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you.

8 Mr. Decker, please read that
9 report.

10 CHIEF CLERK: The Committee on
11 Appropriations, to which was referred
12 Bill No. 160134, entitled "An ordinance
13 authorizing transfers in appropriations
14 for Fiscal Year 2016 from the General
15 Fund, the Department of Revenue, the
16 Board of Trustees of the Free Library of
17 Philadelphia, the Commissioner on Human
18 Relations, the Auditing Department and
19 the Grants Revenue Fund - Provision for
20 Other Grants to the General Fund"; and
21 Bill No. 160136, entitled "An
22 ordinance amending Bill No. 150163
23 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled 'An
24 ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2016 Capital
25 Budget,' by adding and revising certain

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2 projects, amounts and sources"; and

3 Bill No. 160137, entitled "An

4 ordinance amending Bill No. 150162

5 (approved June 18, 2015), entitled 'An

6 ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for

7 the six Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021

8 inclusive,' as amended by Bill No. 150611

9 (approved October 20, 2015), as amended

10 by Bill No. 150790 (approved December 1,

11 2015), by adding and revising certain

12 projects, amounts and sources"; and

13 Bill No. 160150, entitled "An

14 ordinance authorizing transfers in

15 appropriations for Fiscal Year 2016

16 within the General Fund relating to the

17 Council," respectfully reports it has

18 considered the same and returns the

19 attached bills to Council with a

20 favorable recommendation.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you.

23 The Chair again recognizes

24 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

25 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank

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2 you, Mr. President. I move that the
3 rules of Council be suspended as to
4 permit first reading this day of Bills
5 No. 160134, 160136, 160137, and 160150.

6 (Duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you. It has been moved and
9 properly seconded that the rules of
10 Council be suspended so as to permit
11 first reading this day of Bills No.
12 160134, 160136, 160137, and 160150.

13 All those in favor say aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, and those bills will be
20 placed on our First Reading Calendar
21 today.

22 The next order of business is
23 the consideration of the Calendar. I
24 note that the bills just reported from
25 committee have been deemed to have had a

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2 first reading. These bills will be
3 placed on our Second Reading and Final
4 Passage Calendar at our next session of
5 Council.

6 As there are no additional
7 bills on the First Reading Calendar, the
8 Chair recognizes Councilman Henon for the
9 purpose of calling up bills and
10 resolutions on the Final Passage Calendar
11 today.

12 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. The following resolutions
14 and bills are being called up from Second
15 Reading and Final Passage Calendars
16 today: Bill No. 160179, 160181, 160183.
17 All other bills and resolutions are being
18 held.

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 Thank you, Councilman.

21 Before considering these bills
22 and resolutions on the Final Passage
23 Calendar, we will have our public comment
24 session. Our public comment session will
25 go as follows:

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2 If you are interested in
3 testifying on a bill or resolution that
4 is on the Final Passage Calendar today,
5 if you have not already done so, I'd ask
6 that you sign up at the table to my left.

7 When your name is called, you
8 will go to the podium in the middle of
9 the Council Chambers. There's a device.
10 There's a light. When that light turns
11 green, it will be your time to speak.
12 When the light turns yellow, you will
13 have 30 seconds to conclude your remarks.
14 When it turns red, we'd ask that you
15 please adhere to the guidelines and
16 conclude your remarks. You will be given
17 three minutes to testify.

18 Mr. Decker, please call the
19 first name.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Senator Larry
21 Farnese, commenting on 160183.

22 (Witness approached podium.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
24 morning, Senator. How are you?

25 SENATOR FARNESE: Good morning.

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2 Thank you, Mr. President.

3 I guess I'm not used to this.

4 We have a different setup in Harrisburg.

5 I'm trying to figure it out, I promise.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Serious difference in Harrisburg.

8 SENATOR FARNESE: There's a lot

9 of serious differences, Mr. President.

10 One in this place is only a few blocks

11 down the street from me. So we worry

12 about 76.

13 Thank you again for having me,

14 and thank you to my very good friend,

15 Councilman Squilla, for introducing this

16 resolution in support of my bill, Senate

17 Bill 95, and thank you to the rest of the

18 Council Chamber for your consideration

19 and for having me here today.

20 For those of you who are

21 unaware, my bill, Senate Bill 95, is

22 known as anti-SLAPP legislation, and it

23 provides immunity from civil claims based

24 on protected communications. A SLAPP is

25 a strategic lawsuit against public

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2 participation brought against an
3 individual or organization solely to have
4 a chilling effect on the fate of public
5 interest.

6 As the resolution indicates, I
7 was inspired to introduce this
8 legislation after the Old City Civic
9 Association was forced to shut its doors
10 due to an inability to obtain insurance
11 because of several SLAPP lawsuits. When
12 I began this journey, Mr. President, I
13 had no idea that the scope of this issue
14 would be so broad. However, during a
15 Senate hearing in April of 2014, I
16 quickly realized that Old City
17 Association was not alone. At the
18 hearing and in the following weeks, I
19 heard from individuals and organizations
20 across the Commonwealth who had been the
21 victims of SLAPPs. Some have been
22 fighting these lawsuits for years,
23 racking up millions of dollars in legal
24 fees. Each of them spoke on the
25 insurmountable emotional, mental, and

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2 financial hardships they faced as a
3 result of these SLAPP lawsuits.

4 My bill gives these individuals
5 and organizations the incentive and the
6 tools to fight back and continue their
7 good work.

8 Let me just be very clear. We
9 heard from folks all across Pennsylvania
10 that came in and from other states as
11 well too, but the primary focus of this
12 legislation is to come to the aid of
13 these civic associations and community
14 groups who need this legislation very,
15 very, very badly.

16 Currently, my bill, Senate Bill
17 95, is in the House Judiciary Committee.
18 I have written to the chairs of the
19 Committee requesting the bill be brought
20 up for consideration so this important
21 free speech protection can be signed into
22 law.

23 I've also asked that these
24 folks continue to reach out to their
25 Representatives and the members of the

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2 House Judiciary Committee to express
3 their support for this important
4 community-protecting legislation.

5 It is my hope that Senate Bill
6 95 will pass the House very shortly but
7 by the end of this legislative session
8 and that issues of public concern can
9 continue to flourish across the
10 Commonwealth without fear of being
11 silenced by frivolous litigation.

12 Thank you again for having me
13 here.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you so much, Senator, for your
16 testimony. It's good seeing you today.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Theresa
18 McCormick, commenting on 160183.

19 (Witness approached podium.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
21 morning.

22 MS. McCORMICK: Good morning,
23 Council and members that are here today.

24 With the SLAPP also we want to
25 talk about also the bill that was

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2 introduced, 160177. We want clarity,
3 because we are from the Point Breeze area
4 campaign. Members did not -- it was
5 alleged that we made racist remarks. We
6 did not. We stand by and let a
7 market-rate developer fabricate and lie
8 about us that day.

9 We are asking for affordable
10 housing. This meeting was and had 15
11 developers who wanted to build
12 market-rate housing. The community asked
13 that the developers give back and have
14 affordable housing. The meeting
15 became -- the members in the meeting were
16 upset because the developer told us no
17 and he didn't want to hear what we had to
18 say.

19 In your packet you will see it
20 was said that in other areas of the
21 world, they're going through the same
22 things that we are. It's not --
23 gentrification is not just in
24 Philadelphia. It's going across the
25 world.

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2 We are showing you, Council,
3 that in terms of new development that are
4 taking place in our communities, that
5 certain developers also are making racist
6 comments, which is making the racial
7 divide. The racial divide in our
8 community has become, which we hate to
9 say, has become again white and black.
10 This is why we're saying that it has --
11 one developer cannot say that we are
12 against a certain group of people. We
13 have always as Christians -- and most of
14 you know me as a Christian. We do not
15 make statements against our brothers.

16 As last month being Black
17 History Month, it hurts me that, as you
18 see in your packet, that there are
19 statements about coming to attack my
20 black brothers in my community.

21 I have come and have written
22 with my lawyers to come and speak with my
23 Councilman about what is going on. On
24 this particular night, I did not receive
25 a phone call from my Councilman like he

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2 has done in the past. He has even texted
3 me in the past. He did not ask what
4 happened at that meeting at all.

5 What happened at that meeting
6 in February was all about us wanting
7 affordable housing. This is what it's
8 all about here. So as you see in your
9 packet, we want clarity that bill that
10 was introduced for 160177 also about us,
11 because we're going to continue to fight
12 for affordable housing. It does not have
13 anything to do with whether what we say
14 or do.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Ma'am.

17 COUNCILMAN HENON: Can I speak
18 on the bill now.

19 MS. McCORMICK: Okay. Thank
20 you, sir. So what we're asking here --

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Ma'am, can you wrap up your testimony.

23 MS. McCORMICK: Sure, sir. I'm
24 getting ready to say this.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you.

3 MS. McCORMICK: So what we're
4 saying in terms of 160177 is to be
5 squashed.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Okay. Thank you for your testimony.

8 MS. McCORMICK: Thank you, sir.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Tiffany Green,
10 commenting on 160183.

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 MS. GREEN: First, good
13 morning.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 You're commenting on the anti-SLAPP
16 legislation?

17 MS. GREEN: Yes, anti-SLAPP
18 bill. We're commenting on that, along
19 with others.

20 First of all, we're asking for
21 a little extra time because according to
22 the Pennsylvania --

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Can't do extra time.

25 MS. GREEN: Let me just make my

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2 time.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Three minutes.

5 MS. GREEN: According to the
6 Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision,
7 public comment and testimony is about
8 matters of concern, okay, and as well as
9 what is on the docket, and we should be
10 able to get up to at least five minutes.
11 The Councilman was able to stand up and
12 talk about our group in long term, and we
13 should be able to address this.

14 First of all, like Theresa
15 said, there was nothing -- no racist
16 remarks was made regarding against anyone
17 at all and it was completely twisted and
18 fabricated, and we don't appreciate the
19 media turning it around. We will not --

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Ms.
21 Green, hold on one second.

22 MS. GREEN: Yes.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Councilman Henon.

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Point of

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2 order, Mr. Chairman. I believe the
3 process is to be speaking publicly on a
4 bill or resolution that's on the Final
5 Passage today. Are we doing that in this
6 situation here?

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Well, from time to time people pretty
9 much don't pay any attention to our
10 rules.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: We have a

12 lot of business to attend to in today's
13 government and there will be plenty of
14 opportunities to speak publicly on bills
15 and resolutions in their proper hearing.

16 So thank you.

17 MS. GREEN: I would appreciate

18 the time real quick, because the
19 Councilman was given an opportunity and
20 there's some very, we felt, things that
21 were said about our group and personally
22 that we felt is affecting and defaming
23 our character. We have been here a long
24 time. We've come down here to you many
25 times asking for your help. We have been

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2 to our Councilman's office numerous
3 times. You've seen him in the hallway
4 and we've had community conflict --

5 COUNCILMAN HENON:

6 Mr. Chairman, please.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
8 right.

9 MS. GREEN: Are you going to
10 let us speak? This is not fair to us.
11 Let us have an opportunity to speak.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
13 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Green.

14 MS. GREEN: So, therefore,
15 we're saying --

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Ms.
17 Green?

18 (Ms. Green talking without
19 microphone.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Ms.
21 Green?

22 (Ms. Green talking without
23 microphone.)

24 MS. GREEN: We think that bill
25 is good because of the fact it protects

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2 organizations from being attacked and
3 have been --

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Ms. Green, the bill is not on the Final
6 Passage Calendar.

7 MS. GREEN: I understand that.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
9 you will have an opportunity when it's on
10 the Final Passage Calendar.

11 (Ms. Green talking without
12 microphone.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Ms.
14 Green, I've been lenient. I've been
15 lenient. We're not going to have a
16 debate.

17 MS. GREEN: You do not want me
18 to speak?

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
20 mean, I'm trying to be lenient with you,
21 but I'm not going to have this debate.

22 (Ms. Green talking without
23 microphone.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. Thank you.

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2 (Ms. Green talking without
3 microphone.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Okay. Thank you, Ms. Green.

6 MS. GREEN: Thank you very
7 much.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Mr. Decker, call the next name.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Jeffrey Braff.

11 MS. GREEN: According to the
12 Pennsylvania Supreme Court, we have the
13 right to do up to five minutes on matters
14 of concern.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Well, according to the City Council of
17 Philadelphia, you have three minutes and
18 it must be on the --

19 MS. GREEN: Thank you. We'll
20 come back again and try it again.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you so much.

23 MS. GREEN: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Before we hear testimony on Resolution

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2 No. 160157, I want to say a couple of
3 things. That will not be voted on today.
4 And I also want to clarify what has
5 happened with respect to that resolution.
6 I know there's been some interest with
7 respect to the different tax rates. I
8 believe it was erroneously reported on
9 the radio this morning, I heard on the
10 radio station that it was going to be
11 moved today. That will not be moved
12 today. As a result of this resolution
13 and the other proposal by the business or
14 coalition -- I'm not quite clear what
15 they call themselves -- there has been
16 substantive conversations between the
17 various groups. There will not be action
18 on either one of those proposals until
19 that conversation has been concluded.

20 So for those individuals that
21 are here today, first, it will not be
22 voted on today and, second, it will
23 continue to have substantive conversation
24 on that particular subject matter.

25 But you signed up, so we're

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2 going to call your name.

3 CHIEF CLERK: The following
4 four individuals are commenting on
5 160157, in this order: Jeffrey Braff,
6 Matthew Fontana, Gabriela Guaracao, and
7 Joseph Danihel.

8 (Witness approached podium.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You
10 want to testify on this one, sir?

11 MR. DANIHEL: I want to testify
12 on the one with the Redevelopment
13 Authority, sir.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 That's not this one. That's not that
16 one.

17 MR. DANIHEL: 179.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir,
19 they had your name under 157.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Cornelia Swinson.

21 (No response.)

22 CHIEF CLERK: Cornelia Swinson,
23 commenting on Councilman Taubenberger's
24 resolution honoring Harriet Tubman.

25 (Witness approached podium.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning.

4 MS. SWINSON: Good morning,
5 Council. Good morning, Council President
6 and Councilmembers. I'm Cornelia
7 Swinson. I'm Executive Director of the
8 Johnson House Historic Site. I'd like to
9 thank Councilman Taubenberger and
10 Councilwoman Cindy Bass for this
11 resolution.

12 Located in the heart of
13 Germantown at the corner of Germantown
14 Avenue and Washington Lane is Johnson
15 House. It's a 240-year-old farmhouse
16 whose history of anti-slavery activity
17 and Underground Railroad Station puts it
18 right at the center of the struggle for
19 freedom in America.

20 As a center for civil and
21 social advocacy, the Johnson House is
22 about history and more. We also are a
23 place to be used to engage, facilitate
24 conversations, and build advocacy to
25 address contemporary issues that

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2 negatively impact the community and
3 empower others to resolve issues today
4 based on our history of blacks and
5 whites, free and not free, enslaved
6 Africans working together.

7 Germantown folks attended the
8 first written protest against slavery in
9 1688. The Underground Railroad was the
10 most dramatic and, some would argue, the
11 most effective form of radical protest
12 against a system to enslave Africans for
13 economic profit and the successive
14 federal fugitive slave laws to maintain
15 slavery. For hundreds of years, slavery
16 defined the relationship between blacks
17 and whites in what is now the United
18 States. Running away was probably the
19 common and most overt form of resistance
20 to American servitude. Early American
21 newspapers, letters, court proceedings,
22 and other documents reported instances of
23 runaways, both servants and of slaves.
24 Flight was a strategy for many slaves,
25 long before abolition activity and the

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2 entire slavery movement helped in its
3 operations, the impulse for
4 self-liberation, outland impulse for
5 social justice.

6 Although anti-slavery
7 advocates, including the Quakers,
8 rejected participation or even sanction
9 of the Underground Railroad, some radical
10 abolitionists believe that helping
11 bondsmen to escape the dramatized
12 (unintelligible) for freedom and health
13 to cripple the slave-based southern
14 economy. The Johnsons were abolitionists
15 and they were very actively involved in
16 the struggle.

17 The legacy of this painful
18 history of slavery, particularly for
19 African Americans, has stayed with us.
20 It burdens our ability to safely manage
21 life in many ways, and the negative
22 impact of that legacy on America today is
23 anger, violence, separation, trauma,
24 oppression, and institutional racism. We
25 must continue to work through the painful

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2 history inherited by slavery, and we are
3 very fortunate to have had Harriet Tubman
4 work with the Johnsons in the fight
5 against slavery and the struggle for
6 freedom.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Thank you for your testimony, ma'am.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Yuval Yarden,
12 commenting on Councilman Taubenberger's
13 resolution honoring Harriet Tubman --
14 commenting on Councilman Domb's Amplified
15 Philly resolution.

16 MS. YARDEN: Councilman Domb
17 and staff, thank you for having me here
18 today and, City Council, thank you for
19 giving me the opportunity to speak. My
20 name is Yuval and I'm the Program
21 Director for Philly Startup Leaders.
22 It's a non-profit organization created to
23 support founders and building their
24 startups in Philadelphia and, therefore,
25 growing the startup ecosystem here in our

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2 city.

3 Today I'm here to talk to you
4 about the South by Southwest initiative.
5 We believe that Philadelphia deserves to
6 be recognized as a tech and innovation
7 hub on a national level. We here know
8 that we're equipped to support the
9 startup growth, but we need to work on
10 amplifying that message on a national
11 level and a broader level. So as young
12 people, Dave Silver, who has been working
13 on this with me, we're both 24, we
14 graduated from Temple, we see this
15 amazing opportunity for people to build
16 and grow their careers and businesses in
17 Philadelphia, and we want to figure out a
18 way to tell everyone that so that we're
19 not just, you know, stumbled upon, but
20 that we're advertised as a place where
21 this can happen.

22 When they leave New York, San
23 Francisco, Boston because they're
24 exhausted by it, they can come to Philly
25 where you can have a high quality of

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2 life, lots of resources, and a connected
3 community that can support you.

4 And we're here to support you,
5 City Council, in developing our city's
6 economy. Investing in a technology job
7 is a job creation accelerator
8 essentially. So every high-tech job
9 that's created creates five more jobs for
10 it. And those jobs aren't only in
11 technology. It could be anywhere from
12 like dentists and doctors and trash
13 collectors and teachers and everything.
14 So it's not just more high-tech jobs.

15 So we've gone through
16 interviews, focus groups, surveys to
17 better understand how we can amplify this
18 message that Philadelphia could be
19 nationally known as a tech hub, and we've
20 decided to head down to Austin, Texas
21 tomorrow for South by Southwest, one of
22 the most influential technology and
23 innovation conferences in the world.
24 Cities like DC, Las Vegas, Chicago have
25 been there for years and we haven't. So

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2 how can we expect people to think that
3 we're at their level of opportunity in
4 terms of innovation and technology? So
5 we're going down to be alongside those
6 cities.

7 We've created a true
8 public-private partnership and launched
9 it through a grassroots initiative. Like
10 I said, Dave and I just graduated from
11 Temple University and we've gotten our
12 colleagues and our friends to join, but
13 people like Comcast and Independence Blue
14 Cross have been able to sponsor us, as
15 well as vendor capitalists and founders.
16 So it's a grassroots initiative, led by
17 two young people who see this opportunity
18 in Philadelphia.

19 We're lucky to have amazing
20 support from the City of Philadelphia
21 through the Department of Commerce as
22 well as a coalition of 30 stakeholders
23 and over 100 Philadelphians that will be
24 coming down with us to Austin starting
25 tomorrow. Some of them are already

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2 there.

3 PHL looks forward to working
4 with City Council and the Administration
5 in the future on continuing this work to
6 become nationally known as a tech and
7 innovation hub.

8 So thank you.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you for your testimony, ma'am.

11 CHIEF CLERK: Carol Green,
12 commenting on 160018.

13 (Witness approached podium.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
15 morning.

16 MS. GREEN: Good morning. As
17 usual, I need you to pray for me. I
18 don't want them to tear the churches
19 down. On 19th and Catharine Street, on
20 20th and Fitzwater Street, and 19th and
21 Fitzwater Street, these churches were
22 torn down and also -- I'm sorry. But I
23 didn't want them to tear the churches
24 down and I don't understand why they've
25 been doing that.

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2 I need the churches because of
3 the kind of person that I am. I go to
4 church because I want God to cleanse me
5 every day, because I've been a sinful
6 person in my life and --

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Ma'am?

9 MS. GREEN: I'm sorry.

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
11 resolution you reference on your
12 testimony is the smoking policy. Is that
13 what you're testifying on today?

14 MS. GREEN: Smoking policy?

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Yes.
16 The resolution you referenced is about
17 the smoking policy inside of apartments
18 and households.

19 MS. GREEN: Oh, I'm sorry.
20 Please forgive me, everyone. I don't
21 agree.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 That's okay.

24 MS. GREEN: I'm sorry. It's my
25 fault.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No
3 problem.

4 MS. GREEN: Is it all right to
5 continue?

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Well, if you have testimony on that
8 particular resolution, but it didn't
9 sound like you were talking about that
10 subject matter.

11 MS. GREEN: I'm sorry.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
13 okay.

14 MS. GREEN: It was a
15 misunderstanding. I signed the wrong
16 paper, I guess. But I don't like the
17 smoking in the apartment buildings. In
18 one particular apartment building it
19 smells like they smoking marijuana, and I
20 don't like that.

21 But anyway, I just -- I'm
22 grateful that I thank God for letting me
23 speak. And I apologize to everyone here
24 and out there that might be looking on
25 television or if I offended you.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 That's okay.

4 MS. GREEN: So God is able.

5 Just don't give up.

6 Thank you.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, ma'am.

9 CHIEF CLERK: Arnold Jones,
10 also commenting on 160018.

11 (Witness approached podium.)

12 MR. JONES: Good afternoon.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
14 afternoon.

15 MR. JONES: I just wanted to
16 get a little bit more clarity on this
17 issue, because it definitely will save
18 lives. And I just want you guys to
19 elaborate on the entirety of this
20 particular proposed bill. Can you give
21 me a little bit of understanding. It's
22 smoking. Smoking marijuana? Smoking
23 cigarettes? Where can we get more
24 information on it?

25 Well, the reason I ask is

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2 because like the lady just said a minute
3 ago, that is a major issue, and I think
4 it would help better the quality of life
5 for the residents in the event that there
6 are specific stipulations about what
7 things can't be used as far as smoking
8 devices, and you should also incorporate
9 the e-cigarettes as well.

10 So I'll just do a little bit
11 more research, but I just wanted to ask
12 that question.

13 Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Okay. Thank you. Thank you for your
16 testimony, sir.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Joseph Danihel,
18 commenting on the Redevelopment Authority
19 resolution on the Calendar, 160179.

20 (Witness approached podium.)

21 MR. DANIHEL: I'm here again
22 about the Redevelopment Authority.

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Sir?

24 Sir?

25 MR. DANIHEL: At this time, I

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2 am without my home at 1038 West Wyoming
3 due to the egregious actions and
4 inactions of this legislative body. I
5 quote George Mason, delegate to the
6 Constitutional Convention in
7 Philadelphia: "Can anyone be above the
8 law?"

9 YouTube, another thing; James
10 Dupree; my story is tragic, but it's not
11 alone. It is about the principles that
12 our government would act so egregiously
13 on taxpayers.

14 You, agents and agencies, are
15 bound by oath of office to support, obey,
16 and defend the Constitution and laws.
17 Like in Flint, Michigan, the government
18 stalls while the people suffer. Council
19 passes paperwork regarding national
20 issues for which they have no
21 jurisdiction while ignoring this issue.

22 Council recently passed a
23 resolution about Flint, Michigan. Do I,
24 a taxpayer in Philadelphia, have to go to
25 Flint, Michigan to get them to pass a

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2 resolution that the City of Philadelphia
3 solves my problem?

4 As of today, I have had very
5 little response from Council, the Mayor's
6 Office -- very little response from
7 Council. The Mayor's Office will not
8 address any of my issues, saying it is
9 Council's problem. For the City has up
10 to \$100 billion to give to a contractor
11 to build a mall on my not-paid-for home.
12 I find this unacceptable. Who supervises
13 the Redevelopment Authority? Who
14 appoints the Board members? Why doesn't
15 Council investigate? Why does Council
16 continue to fund and use the
17 Redevelopment Authority? Why doesn't the
18 DA investigate?

19 In my opinion, the City is
20 taking the Catholic church pedophile
21 priest method of denial while not dealing
22 with this issue. Council and the Mayor's
23 Office show no concern to solve this.
24 They seem to want to spend lots of money
25 to litigate instead. Council, the

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2 Mayor's Office, RDA, and their attorneys
3 have opposed the Seventh Amendment common
4 law jury trial in my situation.

5 These articles and previous
6 submissions require immediate de-funding
7 and investigation of the Philadelphia
8 Redevelopment Authority before more laws,
9 as in the above and previously mentioned,
10 are violated by you, the agents and
11 agencies of the government. And now duly
12 notified since December 3rd of last year,
13 you are, in this member of the people's
14 opinion, accessories after the fact. See
15 42 USC 1985, 1986.

16 You have taken the oath to
17 support, obey, and defend the
18 Constitution and law. Now let's get to
19 work and solve this problem.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you.

22 CHIEF CLERK: There are no
23 other speakers on the public comment
24 list, Mr. President.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

3 We will now move to our
4 Calendar.

5 Mr. Decker, please read the
6 title of 160179.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 approving the redevelopment contract of
9 the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
10 for the redevelopment and urban renewal
11 of a portion of the 45th and Sansom Urban
12 Renewal Area, identified by house number
13 and street address as 46 South
14 Forty-Fourth Street.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Blackwell.

17 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
18 you, Mr. President. I move for the
19 adoption.

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 ayes have it, and Resolution 160179 is
6 adopted.

7 Mr. Decker, 160181.

8 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution also
9 naming the 1900 and 2000 blocks of South
10 Cecil Street "Marsha Moore Way" to honor
11 the memory of Marsha Moore and to
12 recognize her life and memorialize her
13 lasting legacy.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Johnson.

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you,
17 Council President. I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it, and Resolution 160181 is
5 adopted.

6 Mr. Decker, 160183.

7 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
8 urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly
9 to consider Senate Bill 95 introduced by
10 Senator Larry Farnese on March 31, 2015
11 regarding anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit
12 Against Public Participation)
13 legislation.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you.

16 The Chair recognizes Councilman
17 Squilla.

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

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All those in favor say aye.

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, and Resolution 160183 is
7 adopted.

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

10 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution
11 authorizing the Committee on the
12 Environment to conduct public hearings to
13 investigate the relationship between poor
14 Indoor Environmental Quality and high
15 incidences of childhood asthma,
16 introduced by Councilwoman Reynolds
17 Brown.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Reynolds
20 Brown.

21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: 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 calling for the Committee on Public
12 Safety to hold hearings on improvements
13 to the Philadelphia Police Department
14 video surveillance systems and programs
15 and other crime prevention tools such as
16 the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system,
17 introduced by Councilman Jones on behalf
18 of Council President Clarke.

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

21 COUNCILMAN JONES:
22 Mr. President, I move for its 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 honoring the Philadelphia Gas Works on
12 the occasion of its 180th Anniversary,
13 introduced by Councilman Green.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
15 Chair recognizes Councilman Green.

16 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
17 Council President. I move for the
18 adoption of the resolution.

19 (Duly seconded.)

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

22 All those in favor?

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Those opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
4 ayes have it, and that resolution is
5 adopted.

6 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
7 authorizing the Committee on Commerce &
8 Economic Development to hold hearings
9 regarding the Abandoned and Blighted
10 Property Conservatorship Act of
11 Pennsylvania, introduced by Councilman
12 Green.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
14 Chair again recognizes Councilman Green.

15 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
16 Council President. I move for the
17 adoption of the resolution.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
20 been moved and properly seconded.

21 All those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
3 ayes have it, and that resolution is
4 adopted.

5 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
6 authorizing the Committee on the
7 Environment to hold hearings to examine
8 the Solar Schools for Philadelphia report
9 released by PennEnvironment Research &
10 Policy Center and Frontier Group, and to
11 investigate financing options for the
12 School District of Philadelphia to use
13 its land and building stock for solar
14 energy generation, introduced by
15 Councilman Green.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
17 Chair again recognizes Councilman Green.

18 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Thank you,
19 Council President. I move for the
20 adoption of the resolution.

21 (Duly seconded.)

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

24 All 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, and that resolution is
7 adopted.

8 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
9 acknowledging and recognizing Startup PHL
10 Presents: Amplify Philly SXSW Edition, a
11 partnership of 30 public and private
12 organizations, that have joined together
13 to highlight Philadelphia's startup and
14 tech community and promote Philadelphia
15 as a hub for startups at the South by
16 Southwest Conference & Festival taking
17 place March 11th through March 20th in
18 Austin, Texas, introduced by Councilman
19 Domb.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
21 Chair recognizes Councilman Domb.

22 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
23 Council President. I'd like to speak to
24 this resolution.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Please do.

3 COUNCILMAN DOMB: First, thank
4 you, Mr. President. I'd like to
5 acknowledge and commend all those
6 involved in this effort that has resulted
7 in a worthy initiative, the Startup
8 Philadelphia Presents: Amplify Philly
9 South by Southwest Edition. As a result
10 of cooperation and coordinated efforts of
11 the community, City government, and the
12 private sector, Philadelphia and its
13 startup entrepreneurial and tech
14 community will present and showcase a
15 unified Philadelphia for the first time
16 at the South by Southwest Conference &
17 Festival, which is one of the most
18 influential technology conferences in the
19 world.

20 Although in recent years the
21 focus on supporting startups in the City
22 has increased significantly with
23 corporations such as Comcast and
24 Independence Blue Cross investing in
25 innovation, we need to continue to build

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2 on this momentum. The economic
3 multiplier, as you heard earlier, for
4 tech jobs is five to one, meaning for
5 every new high-tech job, there are five
6 other jobs created. Mostly surprisingly
7 though of this, two of the five jobs are
8 professional jobs such as physicians or
9 attorneys, while the other three jobs
10 created are occupations like waiters,
11 retail clerks, cooks. And, by the way,
12 one of my first jobs was a dishwasher at
13 Howard Johnson's.

14 To put this in perspective,
15 though, between 2009 and 2013, New York
16 City has seen an explosive growth 33
17 times that what we've seen in
18 Philadelphia. By the way, 16 years ago
19 in New York City they had zero jobs in
20 tech. Today they have 543,000. We have
21 14,000. This is our future, building
22 tech.

23 But it gets better. The tech
24 industry offers employment opportunities
25 for workers with different levels of

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2 education, not just those with technical
3 backgrounds. A report commissioned by
4 the Association for a Better New York,
5 Citi, Google, New York Tech Meetup found
6 that 60 percent of the jobs at tech firms
7 did not require a Bachelor's degree.

8 All that being said, this is a
9 great opportunity for us to showcase our
10 local Philadelphia area. And I want to
11 again commend all those involved in this
12 wonderful initiative and wish them lots
13 of success in Austin and continue to make
14 Philadelphia proud.

15 On one final note, the City of
16 Philadelphia has relaunched
17 startupphiladelphia.com, a site designed
18 to serve as the online gateway to tech in
19 Philadelphia.

20 With that said, Mr. President,
21 I make a motion for the adoption of this
22 resolution.

23 (Duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you. It's been moved and properly

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2 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

10 adopted.

11 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution

12 recognizing and honoring March 10th as

13 Harriet Tubman Day in the City of

14 Philadelphia, introduced by Councilman

15 Taubenberger.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

17 Chair recognizes Councilman Taubenberger.

18 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Thank

19 you, Council President. I would like to

20 speak on the resolution for just a

21 moment.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Please do, sir.

24 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Thank

25 you so much.

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2 The genesis of this resolution
3 really came from a very dear friend and
4 former member of this body, Councilman
5 Thacher Longstreth, who was so honored
6 and so impressed by his great
7 grandmother, Anne Longstreth, who has
8 actually very much worked on the
9 Underground Railroad and in many cases
10 with Harriet Tubman, who had told me this
11 story. So I thought it was very apropos
12 to introduce this resolution on the date
13 of her passing 103 years later. And I
14 thank Councilwoman Bass as well for
15 helping me introduce this as well as
16 being a co-sponsor and all members of
17 Council who have signed on as signators.

18 And at this point, I move for
19 the adoption of this 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 ayes have it, and that resolution is
6 adopted.

7 CHIEF CLERK: And a resolution
8 authorizing Council's Committee on
9 Commerce & Economic Development to
10 investigate and hold hearings to
11 determine whether the City of
12 Philadelphia should develop a local
13 Mentor-Protege Program to enhance the
14 capacity of Minority, Women or Disabled
15 Owned Enterprises to compete for
16 procurement opportunities in the
17 Philadelphia metropolitan marketplace,
18 introduced by Councilwoman Bass.

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

21 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: 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 recognizing and honoring The Philadelphia
12 Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts for
13 Serving and Representing Philadelphia as
14 a Legendary Institution of Jazz
15 Performance and Education on the Occasion
16 of its 50th Anniversary, introduced by
17 Councilman Oh.

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

20 COUNCILMAN OH: 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: There are no
11 other resolutions on the Final Passage
12 Calendar, Mr. President.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you very much, Mr. Decker.

15 That concludes our Calendar for
16 today.

17 Are there any speeches on the
18 part of the minority?

19 The Chair recognizes Councilman
20 Taubenberger.

21 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Thank
22 you very much. Just a couple of quick
23 remarks, one of congratulatory and the
24 other is for us to think about.

25 As the father of a Pennsylvania

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2 State Trooper, hearing the news of so
3 many injuries and even deaths of police
4 officers in the last couple weeks, I
5 would just urge my colleagues to think of
6 the fine work men and women are doing
7 across this nation to protect our laws,
8 our property, and our way of life, and I
9 would urge that.

10 The second is more of a
11 congratulatory situation because I like
12 sports and I want to take this
13 opportunity to congratulate Roman
14 Catholic High School Basketball Team on
15 their District 12 Catholic League
16 Championship on February the 26th. I'd
17 also like to let everyone know that they
18 are currently playing in the state
19 tournament. They won their first game,
20 and their second game was last night, and
21 they also won that.

22 We at City Council want to
23 cheer them as they go on their way to
24 quarter finals of the state championship,
25 and their game is this coming Saturday,

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2 March 12th. Go Cahillites.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Thank you, Councilman.

6 On behalf of the majority, the
7 Chair recognizes Councilman Jones.

8 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
9 Mr. President. As the weather breaks
10 from winter to spring, over the last 48
11 hours all hell broke loose in our
12 communities. We experienced a number of
13 shootings and also murders in batches.

14 What troubles me most about it
15 is that the almost sense of normalcy that
16 sometimes we experience in these besieged
17 communities. It's like growing up or
18 having to live in Fallujah or some other
19 battleground where people get
20 battle-hardened and used to the
21 fatalities. We should never ever get
22 used to that.

23 We are working to do some
24 things about it here in Council. You
25 have empowered a committee to look at the

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2 justice system to see about how we can
3 make long-term change on this process,
4 which I appreciate you taking the
5 foresight to do. My colleague Councilman
6 Johnson put about 50 pastors in,
7 faith-based ministers from -- 70
8 ministers and clergymen from Islamic
9 culture and others in the room to talk
10 about long-term solutions. We are doing
11 something about it with the committee
12 hearing that's coming up to look at
13 illegal trafficking of guns and things
14 that come into our city.

15 But I want to urge my
16 colleagues in this Chamber to take
17 advantage of one other tool and, that is,
18 the power of the budget. There will be
19 dozens of departments that come before us
20 over the next month or two, and we should
21 look and challenge each and every one of
22 them to see how they can be a part of the
23 solution to moving this away.

24 You challenged the Streets
25 Department to hire returning citizens and

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2 to employ them, because some of the best
3 deterrent of future violence is a working
4 citizen that's too tired to go out and do
5 the foolishness.

6 We need to look at the Rec
7 Department and say what happened to the
8 after-school, after-hour programs that
9 they used to put together that can give a
10 person something to do to occupy mind and
11 a restless spirit.

12 We need to look at your idea of
13 community schools.

14 One of my young pups last night
15 at a community meeting talked about two
16 bookbags, one they carry with the lessons
17 of the day but the other one with the
18 troubles from home.

19 We need to use the power of the
20 budget to take a look at why in the City
21 of Philadelphia our babies are killing
22 each other. They're just straight
23 genocidal killing each other. And if all
24 lives matter, if black lives matter, I
25 want us during this budget period to make

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2 it a statement to put our money where our
3 mouth is.

4 And I want to say this to you,
5 that if we had, what, 280 murders last
6 year, we're already in the first quarter
7 and we're up 4 percent. If 280 wales
8 washed up on the shore of the Schuylkill,
9 there would be every marine biologist
10 from here to Miami trying to figure out
11 why this phenomena is happening to our
12 wales or our bottlenose dolphins.

13 Three hundred babies die every
14 year in the City of Philadelphia. Nobody
15 really kind of takes that in a national
16 press way.

17 So I'm saying to you,
18 Mr. President, and I'm saying to my
19 colleagues, if no one else is going to
20 stand up for us, we need to stand up for
21 us, and we need to change the paradigm so
22 we don't have it.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
25 Mr. President.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you, Councilman. Well said.

4 The Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

7 Mr. President. I am going to yield to

8 Councilwoman Parker and would like to

9 speak immediately following Councilwoman

10 Parker.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Okay. You guys got something worked out

13 over there, huh?

14 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Parker.

17 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

18 you, Mr. President. Councilwoman

19 Reynolds Brown and I wanted to use this

20 opportunity to note for the record that

21 on March the 6th of this year, the City

22 of Philadelphia at large and the West Oak

23 Lane community in particular lost one of

24 our trailblazing mighty lions in the

25 passing of the late Dr. Dean R. Hodges.

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2 For those of you who are
3 familiar with West Oak Lane, you know
4 that for years when you drove through the
5 6700 block of Wyncote Avenue coming up
6 Limekiln Pike, there was this noted
7 veterinarian's office that was there.

8 And I would dare say to you that
9 Dr. Hodges did not establish his office
10 in West Oak Lane because he had to. He
11 established it there because he chose to.

12 And with that being said, we
13 wanted to pay homage to him and send our
14 thoughts and prayers to his son, Dr. Eric
15 Hodges, and the entire family and to the
16 Alpha men. He was a member of Alpha Phi
17 Alpha, a graduate of Tuskegee, and a
18 soror. Blondell Reynolds Brown and I
19 joshed each other yesterday about the
20 savviness of soror Barbara Hodges, who
21 was one of our Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
22 Incorporated sisters.

23 So we just wanted to note that
24 on this coming Saturday, March the 12th,
25 2016, there will be a viewing from 8:00

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2 to 10:00 a.m., an Alpha Phi Alpha Omega
3 service at 9:15, and the service of
4 remembrance at 10:00, and all of this is
5 taking place at the Bethlehem Baptist
6 Church located at 712 Penllyn Pike in
7 Spring House, PA 19477.

8 Thank you, Mr. President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you, Councilwoman.

11 The Chair now again recognizes
12 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I too wanted to speak
15 more about Dr. Dean Hodges and then make
16 a friendly announcement. But his story
17 is extraordinary, and I'm one who likes
18 to put things in context of the pioneer
19 that he was that many years ago.

20 During his time, only 783
21 African American students were enrolled
22 in American medical colleges nationwide.
23 While diversity in the medical profession
24 has improved since then, it by no means
25 reflects the demographics of the United

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2 States. The facts are that in 2014, only
3 5.5 percent of physicians and surgeons
4 identified as African American and 6.3
5 percent as Hispanic. Out of over 89,000
6 students in medical schools last year,
7 only 5,000 African Americans and 3,000
8 Hispanics were a member of that
9 population.

10 So it's clear to me that Dr.
11 Hodges was a true pioneer and I would go
12 further to say a role model in
13 Philadelphia's medical community, helping
14 set the stage for African Americans
15 throughout the City to follow his
16 example.

17 Lastly, I'll underscore, as has
18 already been acknowledged, he was a loyal
19 Tuskegee alumnus where he served as
20 treasurer of that chapter and traveled
21 back and forth to Alabama to participate
22 in the Annual Vet Medicine Symposiums.
23 And because of his influence, many
24 students who have chosen Tuskegee pledge
25 my former colleague's fraternity, Alpha

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2 Phi Alpha, and teenagers had summer and
3 after-school jobs right there in the West
4 Oak Lane community because he was a model
5 citizen.

6 So I join my colleague in
7 lifting up this family as they prepare
8 for accepting a legacy that he's leaving
9 for his nine grandchildren.

10 Lastly, my announcement, with
11 us today is Dr. Sean Vereen, who is the
12 President of Steppingstone Scholars.

13 You want to stand, Sean.

14 And we should all know that
15 Steppingstone works very, very closely
16 with families and school partners
17 centered and focused on one singular
18 mission - gearing up and preparing and
19 wrapping their arms around talented
20 underserved students in the Philadelphia
21 region to help them achieve academic
22 success with a college degree.

23 We will be joining with
24 Steppingstones this coming Saturday and
25 Sunday at the University of the Sciences

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2 for our fourth annual Step Into College
3 experience. We have partnered with the
4 School District and a number of others
5 and will be wrapping our arms and
6 hopefully inspiring over 500 young people
7 that will be joining us at the University
8 Sciences.

9 I want to salute Councilwoman
10 Jannie Blackwell, Chair of the Education
11 Committee. It is in her district, and
12 we're delighted that she'll be joining
13 us, along with our new Chief Education
14 Officer, Otis Hackney.

15 So this is a partnership with
16 Steppingstones that we're proud of, and
17 we urge all members to get the word out
18 to young people in your districts who are
19 just looking for an opportunity to change
20 the trajectory of their lives and join us
21 this coming Saturday and Sunday at U
22 Sciences.

23 Thank you, Mr. President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you, Councilwoman.

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2 The Chair recognizes

3 Councilwoman Gym.

4 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Thank you
5 very much, Mr. President. This morning
6 the School District of Philadelphia in a
7 meeting with principals announced that
8 they will be restoring full-time nurses
9 and -- one full-time nurse and one
10 full-time counselor back to every
11 Philadelphia public school.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: And they're
14 also announcing that they're going to
15 push out additional dollars to schools,
16 at least five figures for every school,
17 to address the resource deficits that
18 have been in existence for the last
19 several years.

20 I believe personally and it's
21 my proudest thing that to be part of a
22 Council that I think made that happen.
23 For years, school nurses have been out
24 rallying in front of 440. Parents have
25 been talking about what it means to send

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2 their children to school suffering from
3 asthma, diabetes. Principals have been
4 talking about what it's like to give
5 insulin shots and dispense medication to
6 dozens of students throughout the day.
7 But these things moved when Council's
8 Intergovernmental Agreement Authority
9 came together, looked at a quarterly
10 report that showed that the District did
11 have some resources to start looking and
12 addressing these things, and then began
13 an unprecedented push to really hold the
14 School District accountable.

15 This week, along with
16 Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, the
17 Committees on Education and Children and
18 Youth have been holding town halls and
19 have been attracting a lot of residents
20 to talk about new priorities for the
21 School District. I believe that it's
22 time for City Council to take a look and
23 push politically, that the resources that
24 are going out to our young people are not
25 just a matter of dollars. Of course it

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2 matters. We need a state budget to come
3 through. We need support. We need to
4 have a responsible payment for our
5 property taxes and all those kinds of
6 things, but it's also a matter of
7 priorities, and when we unify around a
8 set of priorities, we're going to see
9 things happen, not five years down the
10 road, but we can see them happen
11 tomorrow. We're going to get some new
12 programs in and money for kids, and then
13 next year we're going to see full-time
14 nurses and counselors. Council helped
15 make that happen, and I'm proud to be
16 part of that.

17 Next Tuesday, Councilwoman

18 Maria Quinones-Sanchez will be hosting an
19 education town hall at Edison High School
20 at 5:30 p.m. Welcome all of our
21 colleagues here. And I just personally
22 want to thank Councilwoman Jannie
23 Blackwell for being such a great mentor
24 and supporter and fighter to this cause
25 for many years. She's got a lot of

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2 people inspired by that.

3 So thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you, Councilwoman.

7 And the Chair recognizes

8 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez.

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
10 you, Mr. President. I wanted to echo
11 some of the words that Councilman Jones
12 was talking about. Every morning I'm
13 lucky enough to have my son come in my
14 room before he goes to school, and this
15 morning I asked him what are you going to
16 do after school, because of the warm
17 weather.

18 And he said, Why?

19 I said, Where are you going? I
20 said, Please don't come downtown.

21 And he said, Why?

22 And I said, We had an incident
23 with young people downtown yesterday and
24 I want you to be careful.

25 And he said to me, Mom, that's

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2 like telling me don't go around the
3 corner where there was a shooting a
4 couple of weeks ago.

5 He's very sassy.

6 And so I began to preach to him
7 about not being at the wrong place at the
8 wrong time, and he said to me, Mom,
9 that's what happens when young people
10 have a TransPass and nowhere to go.

11 And so when Councilman Jones
12 mentioned -- I subsequently went
13 downstairs and watched Councilman Jones
14 and Councilman Johnson talk on Fox News
15 about the recent violence and
16 particularly the youth violence work that
17 they're doing, and, you know, Councilman
18 Jones talked about all lives matter and
19 about it's not one strategy but a
20 combination of strategies that need to
21 take place so that we can deal with these
22 issues. And that's why I agree with him
23 that this budget, this very ambitious
24 budget, needs to really be a neighborhood
25 stimulus package that looks at how do we

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2 create what, Council President, you
3 constantly say, jobs, jobs, jobs. How do
4 we create opportunities for returning
5 citizens and our young people.

6 But more than just investing in
7 the capital improvements, we really need
8 to invest in people, and we need to make
9 sure that there are people in these
10 buildings that care about our children,
11 that there are people in these buildings,
12 those volunteer coaches and others, that
13 we support so that they provide these
14 opportunities. And I say this in memory
15 of the legacy of Mr. Billy Gambrel,
16 Representative Dawkins' grandfather, who
17 was an incredible pioneer and actually
18 the only living person to have a rec
19 center named after him. We celebrated
20 "Bam," the Broncos winner here, who was a
21 Frankford Charger. Mr. Gambrel took care
22 of hundreds of kids in the Frankford
23 community and inspired many of us, and in
24 tribute to his legacy yesterday at his
25 viewing, I talked about how we needed to

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2 really recommit to helping everyone's
3 children, because they're all our
4 children.

5 Thank you, Mr. President.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Thank you, Councilwoman. Well said.

8 The Chair recognizes

9 Councilwoman Blackwell.

10 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank

11 you, Mr. President. I would like to

12 thank Councilwoman Gym, and all our new

13 people are very, very talented, bright,

14 committed people. It is because of her

15 work and we're seeing many great things

16 happen and because of all the members of

17 Council. Our Education and Children and

18 Youth Committees met, and the intelligent

19 questions, the committed research, all

20 the issues we mentioned with regard to

21 money and financing in your leadership,

22 Mr. President, have made a difference I'm

23 sure in that money being released. So I

24 want to say thank you to all.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you, Councilwoman.

3 That concludes our speeches.

4 And the Chair recognizes

5 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown for a motion

6 to adjourn.

7 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,

8 Mr. President. I move that Council stand

9 adjourned until Thursday, March 17th,

10 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you. It's been moved and properly

14 seconded that Council stand adjourned

15 until Thursday, March 17, 2016, 10:00

16 a.m.

17 All those in favor say aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

22 12:35 p.m.)

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