

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250286)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and Celebrating Sharon A. Powell on the occasion of her official retirement.

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell, a native Philadelphian and proud Temple University alumnus, has dedicated her life to the service and betterment of the City of Philadelphia, contributing to its growth and development through a distinguished career spanning broadcast radio and television, local government, and corporate philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell's provided a platform for community engagement and cultural enrichment serving as an Announcer and Producer at 1540 AM in Philadelphia, and Religious Editor for the Sunday Sun Weekly Newspaper, a publication that has long been an important voice for the African American community in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell worked as Press Secretary for the City Commissioner of Elections, and Campaign Director for several elected officials, where she was instrumental in shaping successful campaigns, mobilizing voters, and fostering strong relationships between elected officials and the communities they served; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell's impact extended to statewide initiatives as she served as the Pennsylvania State Director for "Project Vote!" where she was pivotal in the passage and implementation of the Pennsylvania Motor Voter Bill, which made it easier for eligible voters to register and participate in elections; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell dedicated over twenty years to Comcast Cable, where she served as Senior Director of Government and Community Relations and helped to launch Comcast's Internet Essentials program, which provided affordable internet to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Powell served on the boards of the Dawn Staley Foundation, the Point Breeze Performing Arts Corporation, the Police Athletic League, the Nicetown Community Development Corporation, and the University of Pennsylvania's The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, working tirelessly to support the advancement of education, public safety, and community development; and

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WHEREAS, Sharon Powell has been honored with numerous awards throughout her career, including, the Philadelphia Tribune's "Women of the Move" recognition, the Northeast Community Center Award, the State Senator Shirley Kitchen Community Award, the Wadsworth Community Day Award, the Cable Television Public Affairs Beacon Award, and the NAACP Merlie Evers Community Award, among others. These awards highlight the widespread recognition of Sharon's leadership, dedication, and influence in the community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CIYT OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and celebrates Sharon Powell for her lifelong dedication to community service, her significant contributions to the City of Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to Sharon A. Powell as a token of the Council's appreciation for her exemplary service to the City of Philadelphia and her inspiring legacy.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh day of March, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Bass

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Lozada, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Ahmad