

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 240701)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings to assess the current state of Philadelphia's preparations for the multitude of events being held across the City throughout 2026 as we celebrate America's 250th birthday and Philadelphia's central role in America's founding.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia during the colonial era was America's largest, most politically and economically powerful City, and the second largest City in the English-speaking world; and

WHEREAS, The First and Second Continental Congress, The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were all held, discussed debated and concluded in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, As the preeminent City of America's founding the nation and the world are turning to Philadelphia as America celebrates 250 years; and

WHEREAS, With the Major League Baseball All Star Game, the FIFA World Cup and the America's 250th birthday and more all happening in Philadelphia in 2026, careful planning, coordination and communication will be required to deliver on our twin goals of throwing an inclusive, compelling and fun set of events while ensuring that the positive effects of 2026 create durable legacy spaces and programs for all Philadelphians; and

WHEREAS, The economic impact of 2026 events and experiences will generate the City and region an estimated \$1.3 billion to \$2.5 billion in additional revenue compared to a baseline; and

WHEREAS, The hearing will aim to bring together voices from across City government, sports, business and tourism communities as well as neighborhoods and other partners to ensure that we deliver a fun experience that creates lasting legacy impacts in places across Philadelphia, for all Philadelphians, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the Committee on Legislative Oversight be authorized to hold hearings to assess the current state of

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Philadelphia's preparations for the multitude of events being held across the city throughout 2026 as we celebrate America's 250th birthday and Philadelphia's central role in America's founding.

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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 fifth day of September, 2024.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
INTERIM CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Thomas, Phillips, Landau, Lozada, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke, Driscoll, Squilla and Bass