

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 140220)

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Council's committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings on the state of the growing technology and innovation community in Philadelphia and the impact on the local economy.

WHEREAS, Just 10 years ago, the City of Philadelphia played a smaller role in the region's technology business sector and was only beginning to embrace the challenges and opportunities that the innovation economy was bringing to our City; and

WHEREAS, From the first tech entrepreneurs of the last decade to the founding of coworking spaces like Independents Hall, SeedPhilly and Benjamin's Desk, the volunteer entrepreneur network Philly Startup Leaders, to accelerator DreamIt ventures, technology news site Technical.ly Philly, our City has witnessed a renaissance with a growing technology and innovation ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, The emergence of technology companies over the past decade such as TicketLeap, RJ Metrics, SEER Interactive, Duck Duck Go, Neat, Monetate, Curalate, SevOne and Brand.com have created hundreds of jobs and helped position Philadelphia to better retain the talented students graduating from our numerous prestigious colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Today, from entrepreneurship to digital access to digital arts to civic policy to IT talent, Philadelphia continues to develop a rich and vibrant ecosystem competitive with its peer cities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Between April 4th and 12th the fourth annual Philly Tech Week presented by AT&T will be hosted throughout the City with more than 80 events bringing together thought leaders, industry experts and technology enthusiasts to discuss trends and develop concepts to further advance the innovation economy; and

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WHEREAS, In order to prepare for and further support the growth of the technology and innovation community in Philadelphia, it is imperative that the leaders of this industry segment share their experiences and expertise with the City of Philadelphia so that we can be as helpful as possible in assisting this vital segment of our economy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby authorizes City Council's committee on Global Opportunities and the Creative/Innovative Economy to hold public hearings on the state of the growing technology and innovation community in Philadelphia and the impact on the local economy.

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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 twentieth of March, 2014.

Darrell L. Clarke  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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