

# City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 090692)

## RESOLUTION

Calling for Hearings on the *Art in City Hall* and the *1% for Art* Programs to Explore how these Programs can be Made to Better Serve the Citizens of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia consists of a diverse population including citizens of every age, ethnicity, religious background, income and education level; and

WHEREAS, City Hall and its public spaces are a resource that every citizen should have a right to access and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The *Art in City Hall* program includes the use of art-exhibit display cases that occupy the common areas and hallways on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, It would be reasonable and appropriate to allow art created by high school students and inmates to be displayed as part of the *Art in City Hall* program on an equal basis with other artists; and

WHEREAS, The Mural Arts Program (MAP) was conceived in 1984 as part of an initiative aimed at eradicating graffiti throughout Philadelphia. Over the past 22 years, MAP has created more than 2,800 murals throughout Philadelphia and has engaged more than 20,000 young people in pursuit of its mission of providing Philadelphia's youth and communities with hope through art; and

WHEREAS, MAP's art education programs, offered at 23 sites including schools, recreation centers, homeless shelters, detention centers and cultural institutions, expose young people to the historical tradition of mural art as well as to different careers that draw on the skills associated with this craft; and

WHEREAS, The City's *Mural Arts Program* has received national and international recognition for its success in beautifying neighborhoods and giving at-risk youth constructive alternatives to destructive behaviors; and

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WHEREAS, Bringing the City's *Art in City Hall* and *1% for Art* programs under the stewardship of the *Mural Arts Program* could make each program more accessible to all members of the public; now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the City Council of Philadelphia Calls for Hearings on the *Art in City Hall* and the *1% for Art* Programs to Explore How These Programs can be Made to Better Serve the Citizens of Philadelphia.

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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 first of October, 2009.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Blackwell and Goode

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Goode, Miller, Greenlee, Rizzo, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Sanchez, Reynolds Brown, O'Neill, Jones, DiCicco, Tasco, Clarke, Krajewski and Kenney