

City of Philadelphia



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

(Resolution No. 250086)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the Philadelphia Community Outreach Committee (PCOC) for their Dedication to Public Safety and Community Revitalization.

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Community Outreach Committee (PCOC) was founded by Ishaq Samai, Abdul Malik Ibrahim, Islam Sharief, and Khabir Rashid at the Philadelphia Masjid to address decades-old issues of open-air drug sales and violence; and

WHEREAS, Through collaboration with Pete Wilson, the 6th Ward Leader, and numerous community leaders, PCOC took direct action to rally, clean up blighted areas, fence in open lots, and permanently shut down open-air drug operations in West Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, PCOC's efforts led to the establishment of the Belmont Civic Association and the Holly Street Neighbors CDC. This fostered partnerships with Calvary St. Augustine Episcopal Church, and built a network of over 35 community leaders, the 16th Police District, elected officials, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, PCOC's advocacy resulted in the installation of surveillance cameras that are accessible to community members and law enforcement. The project later received additional grant funding, with the support of Senator Vincent Hughes, to sustain and expand its impact; and

WHEREAS, PCOC's implementation of the Belmont Safety Model successfully dismantled six open-air drug operations, saving the City of Philadelphia over \$3.6 million, and demonstrating that community-led initiatives can lead to real, lasting change; and

WHEREAS, PCOC continues to grow, with an expanding membership that is dedicated to replicating its success citywide. PCOC proves that with unity, commitment, and partnership, communities can reclaim their neighborhoods and build a better future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby honors and celebrates the Philadelphia Community Outreach Committee (PCOC), recognizing its

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contributions to public safety, community empowerment, and the revitalization of West Philadelphia.

FURTHER RESOLVED, Engrossed copies of this resolution will be presented to the Philadelphia Community Outreach Committee and its members as a symbol of the profound respect and admiration felt by this legislative body and 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 sixth day of February, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Harrity

Sponsored by: Councilmember Harrity, Councilmembers, Phillips, Gilmore
Richardson, Gauthier, Jones, Landau, Lozada, Brooks,
O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill and Squilla