

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, April 16, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

Speakers for public comment can sign up in advance, submit comments electronically, or sign up to speak the day of the meeting. To sign up in advance, speakers may call 215-686-3406 or email chiefclerk@phila.gov by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting. Speakers who sign up in advance will be added to the list. Speakers must sign up individually, not on behalf of others or groups, and provide the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

Speakers may also submit public comment electronically by email to chiefclerk@phila.gov no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting, preferably as a PDF attachment to the email. Electronic submissions become part of the written record of the proceedings but they are not read aloud in Council. To sign up the day of the meeting, come to Room 400, City Hall and check in at the desk by the entrance.

***If you require an accommodation or service to fully participate, please let the Chief Clerk's Office know when signing up for Public Comment.**

***If you need an interpreter for these events, please call or email the Chief Clerk's office for information about our language services.**

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ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260306****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 200 block of South Alden Street as “Dr. Wesley Proctor Way” to honor the life, leadership, and lasting contributions of Dr. Wesley T. Proctor to the Philadelphia community.

260307**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 700 block of 48th Street as “Sean Perretta Way” to honor the life and memory of Sean Perretta, Esquire, and his enduring contributions to the Mill Creek and West Philadelphia communities.

260308**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 4700 block of Brown Street as “Tiffany Fletcher Way - Gone But Never Forgotten” to honor the life and legacy of Tiffany Fletcher and her impact on the Mill Creek community.

260313**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution renaming the 300 block of East Rockland Street between N. 2nd Street N. 3rd Street “Sharon Vaughn Street,” in honor of her service, advocacy and dedication to public service.

260314**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Lozada

Resolution renaming the 400 block of West Lehigh Avenue to “Wilfredo Gonzalez Way” in recognition of Wilfredo Gonzalez’s lifelong contributions to the Latin-American community, devoted service to his country, and commitment to cultural empowerment in Philadelphia.

260317**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution recognizing April 2026 as School Library Month in the City of Philadelphia.

260319**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Harrity

Resolution recognizing Commonwealth v. Derek Lee (2026), the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's landmark decision striking down Pennsylvania's outdated felony murder law; and calling on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass SB387 reforming Pennsylvania's unconstitutional felony murder law

260320**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

Resolution calling on the United States Congress to pass, and the President to sign, the Living Wage for Musicians Act.

260323**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla for Councilmember Bass

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to execute and deliver to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to 45 and 75 E. Ashmead Street in the 8th Councilmanic District of the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority to transfer to the Philadelphia Land Bank fee simple title to such properties pursuant to Section 16-405 of the Philadelphia Code.

260324**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

Resolution also naming South Street between 8th and 9th Streets as "Octavius Catto Way" to honor the life and legacy of the civil rights warrior.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**250329-A****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Property Licenses and Owner Accountability," to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

250330-A**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants' rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all under certain terms and conditions.

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

260263**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

An Ordinance to repeal in its entirety Bill No. 241056 (approved March 10, 2026), entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to eliminate the requirement that City officers and employees resign from their City office or employment before becoming candidates for public office; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election;" and to rescind the direction provided to various City officers set forth therein.