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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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STATED MEETING

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Academy of Music
Broad and Locust Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, January 4, 2016
10:00 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE

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COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS

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COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL

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COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB

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COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE

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COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM

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COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON

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COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON

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COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.

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COUNCILMAN DAVID OH

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COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL

COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER

COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA

COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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2 MR. TALIAFERRO: Ladies and
3 gentlemen, welcome to the investiture of
4 members of Council, the organization of
5 City Council, the inauguration of the
6 Honorable James F. Kenney as Mayor, and
7 the investiture of members of the
8 Judiciary, City Commissioners, Sheriff,
9 and Register of Wills. We ask that you
10 please turn off all pagers and cellular
11 phones and please be patient. We will
12 start in approximately five minutes.

13 (Brief pause.)

14 MR. TALIAFERRO: Ladies and
15 gentlemen, good morning and once again
16 welcome to the investiture of members of
17 Council, the organization of City
18 Council, the inauguration of the
19 Honorable James F. Kenney as Mayor, and
20 the investiture of members of the
21 Judiciary, City Commissioners, Sheriff,
22 and Register of Wills. We ask that you
23 please turn off all pagers and cellular

24 phones for the remainder of the ceremony.

25 Thank you.

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2 And now we would ask that you

3 would rise and bow your heads for the

4 invocation given by His Excellency,

5 Charles Chaput, Archbishop of

6 Philadelphia.

7 (All members and guests rise.)

8 ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT: Samuel

9 Adams, the political philosopher and one

10 of our nation's founding fathers, once

11 observed that a person is the truest

12 friend of the liberty of his country who

13 tries most to promote its virtue.

14 As citizens of the United

15 States and this wonderful City of

16 Philadelphia, we've inherited freedoms

17 and opportunities that set a standard for

18 much of the world. We have so very much

19 to be grateful for as we begin a new

20 year, and let us turn our hearts for a

21 moment to the one God who made us and who

22 sustains us with his love.

23 Let us pray.

24 Father in Heaven, Scripture

25 teaches us that you formed us in the

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2 womb, you created us in your image, and
3 you guarantee the dignity of each and
4 every human being. Make us faithful
5 stewards of the time you give us in this
6 world. Help us to be builders and
7 peacemakers. Help us to remember the
8 poor and to protect the weak. Help us to
9 reflect your light to the world and to
10 show by our action that truth, integrity,
11 and service still shape the purpose of
12 American public life.

13 Bless Mayor Kenney in his time
14 of service, the members of our City
15 Council, their families, and all the men
16 and women who serve with them, and pour
17 down your grace on all Philadelphians so
18 that the renewal of this great city will
19 begin and take root in the goodness and
20 decency of its people.

21 We ask this in your name as
22 your sons and daughters, confident of
23 your love.

24 Amen.

25 (Amen.)

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2 MR. TALIAFERRO: We invite you

3 to remain standing as the Philadelphia

4 Police and Fire Departments, along with

5 the Philadelphia Prison System Honor

6 Guards, present the colors, while the

7 Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale leads

8 us in singing the National Anthem.

9 (Colors presented and National

10 Anthem sung.)

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. TALIAFERRO: At this time,

13 please welcome City Council President,

14 the Honorable Darrell L. Clarke, to the

15 podium.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

18 morning.

19 (Good morning.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It

21 is a great day.

22 I'd just like to take this

23 moment to welcome and thank everyone who

24 has taken time out of their busy day to

25 witness their government in action. It

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2 is truly a great experience. I hope that
3 you really enjoy yourselves, so much so
4 that in four years you come back again.

5 At this time, I'd like to
6 acknowledge some special guests who are
7 joining us today: Archbishop Charles
8 Chaput, Reverend John Roberts, Reverend
9 John Swope, Reverend Terrence Griffith,
10 Rabbi Jill Maderer, former Governor Ed
11 Rendell, former Mayor John Street, former
12 Mayor William Green, former Mayor Wilson
13 Goode, and Mayor Michael Nutter, the
14 Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper, the
15 Honorable Rosalyn Robinson, the Honorable
16 Kevin Dougherty, the Honorable Susan
17 Gantman, the Honorable Marsha Neifield.

18 And I also wish to acknowledge all the
19 elected officials that are here today and
20 to acknowledge my family who is here with
21 me today. I just have to give a
22 shout-out to them.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
25 being the day fixed by the Philadelphia

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2 Home Rule Charter for the organization of
3 Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
4 hour has arrived, and we will now proceed
5 with the organization of Council, the
6 investiture of Councilmembers.

7 The first order of business
8 will be the election of a temporary
9 chairperson. Nominations are now in
10 order, and the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I nominate Councilman
14 Bobby Henon.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.

17 The Chair now recognizes
18 Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN:
20 Mr. President, I second the nomination.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are
22 there any other nominations?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 There being none, the Chair now

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2 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

4 Mr. President, I move the nominations be

5 closed.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

7 Chair thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair now recognizes

9 Councilwoman Parker.

10 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

11 you, Mr. President. I second the motion.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

14 All those in favor of the

15 motion say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

21 ayes have it, and the nominations are

22 closed. There being no further

23 nominations, all in favor of the election

24 of Councilman Henon will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
3 Those opposed?
4 (No response.)
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
6 ayes have it, and Councilman Henon has
7 been duly elected temporary chairperson.
8 (Applause.)
9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Well, good
10 morning and thank you. The first order
11 of business, I appoint Mr. Michael Decker
12 temporary Clerk.
13 The next order of business is
14 the filing of certificates of the
15 election. The Clerk will call the roll.
16 I direct the Clerk to call the roll,
17 beginning with the
18 Councilpersons-at-large in alphabetical
19 order and then proceed with the District
20 Councilpersons in the order of their
21 districts, beginning with the First
22 District.
23 Clerk?
24 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Allan Domb?
25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Present.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Derek Green?
3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Present.
4 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. William
5 Greenlee?
6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Present.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Helen Gym?
8 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Present.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. David Oh?
10 COUNCILMAN OH: Present.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Blondell
12 Reynolds Brown?
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Present.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Al
15 Taubenberger?
16 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:
17 Present.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Mark Squilla?
19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Present.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Kenyatta
21 Johnson?
22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Jannie
24 Blackwell?
25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

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2 Present.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Curtis Jones,
4 Jr.?
5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Darrell
7 Clarke?
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
9 Present.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Bobby Henon?
11 COUNCILMAN HENON: Present.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Maria
13 Quinones-Sanchez?
14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:
15 Presente.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Cindy Bass?
17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Present.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Cherelle
19 Parker?
20 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Present.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Brian
22 O'Neill?
23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.
24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon,
25 a quorum of the members-elect is present,

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2 and I have in my possession certificates
3 of election from the County Board of

4 Elections in Philadelphia, indicating
5 their election on November 3rd, 2015 for
6 a term of four years, commencing the
7 first Monday of January, AD 2016.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
9 Clerk.

10 The investiture of members of
11 City Council will now proceed. The
12 members-elect will rise and take the oath
13 of office, which will be administered by
14 the Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper,
15 President Judge of the Court of Common
16 Pleas.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Good
19 morning. I would ask that all members
20 who will be given the oath this morning
21 please stand, place your left hands on
22 the Bible, and raise your right hands.

23 If you all could just repeat
24 after me.

25 (Oath of office administered.)

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2 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:

3 Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: The next
6 order of business is the election of a
7 President of City Council for the City of
8 Philadelphia to serve for four years,
9 commencing January 4th, 2016.

10 Nominations are now in order, and the
11 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
13 you, Mr. Chairman. I proudly and with
14 great honor nominate Darrell L. Clarke.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
17 Councilman.

18 At this time, the Chair
19 recognizes Councilman Oh.

20 COUNCILMAN OH: Mr. Chairman, I
21 second that nomination.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Are there
23 any further nominations?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Hearing

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2 none, the Chair recognizes Councilman
3 Johnson.

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:
5 Mr. Chairman, I move the nominations be

6 closed.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair

8 recognizes Councilman Taubenberger.

9 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:

10 Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: All those in

12 favor will say aye. Those opposed, nay.

13 There being no -- all aye?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those

16 opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCILMAN HENON: There being

19 no further nominations, those in favor of

20 the election of the Honorable Darrell L.

21 Clarke as President of City Council will

22 say aye.

23 (Aye.)

24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those

25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes

4 have it. However, the temporary Clerk

5 will call the roll.

6 Clerk?

7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Bass.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
11 Blackwell.
12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
14 Clarke.
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
17 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
21 Greenlee.
22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
4 Johnson.
5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
12 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Parker.
15 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.
18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Squilla.
24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Taubenberger.
3 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.
4 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes are
5 17; the nays are zero. Councilman Clarke
6 having been unanimously chosen by the
7 members of City Council, I declare that
8 Councilman Clarke is duly elected

9 President of this Council body.
10 (Standing ovation.)
11 COUNCILMAN HENON: A little
12 anxious to come to the podium here,
13 Council President.
14 I appoint Councilwoman Blondell
15 Reynolds Brown, Councilman Greenlee,
16 Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman Oh to
17 escort Council President Clarke to the
18 rostrum. Joining the President at the
19 rostrum will be Nita Wroten and Helen
20 Brown. The oath of office will be
21 administered by the Honorable Rosalyn
22 Robinson, Judge of the Court of Common
23 Pleas. You may proceed to the rostrum,
24 please.
25 (Applause.)

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2 JUDGE ROBINSON: Council
3 President, place your left hand on the
4 Bible, raise your right hand and repeat
5 after me.
6 (Oath of office administered.)
7 JUDGE ROBINSON:
8 Congratulations.
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you.
11 (Applause.)
12 COUNCILMAN HENON: It is now my
13 pleasure to present to you the President
14 of City Council, the Honorable Darrell L.
15 Clarke.
16 (Applause.)
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm
18 sorry I was a little anxious. It's only
19 my second time.
20 Folks, I just want to say that
21 it is a pleasure of having an opportunity
22 to serve as the President of the City
23 Council of Philadelphia. It is one of
24 the best jobs in the City and one of the
25 best jobs in the country. So I want to

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2 truly thank my colleagues, all of my
3 supporters, all of the wonderful staff
4 that we have and the people that have
5 given me this awesome opportunity.
6 To my colleagues, some old
7 friends and some new friends, it is my
8 honor to continue serving the people of
9 the City of Philadelphia as President of
10 City Council. I want to thank you again

11 for this privilege.
12 Four years ago, as some of you
13 may recall, I stood on this stage and I
14 was a little nervous, it was my first
15 time, I must admit, but I was extremely
16 optimistic and extremely determined to do
17 the business for the citizens of the City
18 of Philadelphia, and as a result of that,
19 I'd like to say I am so proud of this
20 City Council, the people that I have
21 worked with. And I know that I may rub
22 some people the wrong way, but the last
23 four years I've worked with what I
24 believe to be the best City Council in
25 the City of Philadelphia's history.

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2 (Applause.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
4 that doesn't include the new members
5 because you guys weren't here. So I'm
6 sure you'll enhance that.
7 But together we modernized
8 property assessments, streamlined
9 planning and development functions in an
10 historic reinvention of municipal
11 government, created the nation's largest

12 Land Bank.
13 Thank you, Councilwoman, for
14 that awesome work.
15 (Applause.)
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We
17 authorized an independent Water and Sewer
18 Rate Board to protect consumers and
19 strengthened regulations to make
20 building, demolition, and construction
21 safer.
22 Councilman Jones, I want to
23 thank you for chairing those hearings.
24 (Applause.)
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We

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2 adopted strategies to build an affordable
3 future, and that is very important in
4 today's times. Solicited citizen input
5 and community sustainability initiatives
6 at town halls throughout the City of
7 Philadelphia and began working with
8 stakeholders.
9 And, Mayor Kenney, I want to
10 thank you. That trip was awesome to
11 Cincinnati. We look forward to expanding
12 on that.

13 And the last four years were
14 extremely productive, and I'm
15 particularly proud about the fact that
16 we've worked together. And you look at
17 the vote count and the number of our
18 sessions and there were a lot of 17-0,
19 16-1's, 15-2's. And as a matter of fact,
20 I tell my communications person that a
21 press person actually called me and said,
22 You know, you guys are boring.
23 What do you mean?
24 You're always together.
25 I said, Well, you know, that's

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2 not a bad thing. And I had to apologize
3 for not having to fight on the floor of
4 City Council. We didn't do that this
5 term, right? Nobody threatened to throw
6 anybody out of the window, right? A la
7 Abscam, there wasn't a movie made after
8 us. But we did some good work. But
9 guess what? We still have so much more
10 to do.
11 In spite of the significant
12 problems we tackled and milestones we
13 reached, far too many issues remain

14 unresolved. None of us here, especially
15 those in this beautiful amphitheater, can
16 feel good about being the most
17 impoverished of the major U.S. cities.
18 Nor can we feel good about unemployment
19 in some of our neighborhoods,
20 unemployment that actually reaches
21 upwards of 40 to 50 percent in some of
22 our communities. We cannot feel good
23 about vacant lots and blighted conditions
24 that still are a part of some
25 neighborhoods' landscape. We have to fix

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2 that.
3 The previous term Council made
4 a significant proposal to ensure
5 equitable growth throughout the City of
6 Philadelphia, to make sure that every
7 neighborhood, every neighborhood is a
8 community of choice. And I want to thank
9 my colleagues for working so diligently
10 toward the goal of equitable communities
11 that are inclusive of everyone regardless
12 of who they are or how much they earn. I
13 want to thank you guys so much for that
14 great work.

15 (Applause.)
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Here
17 in the City of Philadelphia, a city of
18 working-class communities, that
19 conversation begins and ends with
20 affordability. For those of us who got
21 knocked down during the recession,
22 whether by job loss or lost savings,
23 getting back to where we were has been
24 difficult, has been extremely difficult.
25 Young people are delaying homeownership.

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2 People who used to be homeowners are now
3 renting. There are some significant
4 challenges. And in spite, you do see
5 market-rate housing in a lot of sections
6 of the City of Philadelphia. And I want
7 to thank Mayor Nutter for working with us
8 to ensure that we have significant
9 growth. But the simple reality is that
10 most of our citizens cannot afford the
11 cost of those new market-rate housing.
12 So last term, City Council set
13 out a goal to building 2,000 new
14 affordable, workforce units on vacant
15 land in gentrifying neighborhoods to make

16 sure that everybody had an opportunity to
17 live in these choice neighborhoods. We
18 are already bucking a trend that is
19 making other major cities less affordable
20 and less inclusive.

21 We will also be rolling out a
22 comprehensive energy strategy to help
23 homeowners, businesses, and our own City
24 government to increase efficiencies,
25 reduce costs, and create more than 10,000

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2 new green jobs along the way. To the
3 press, stay tuned for that.

4 We know that a good quality of
5 life is not just about having a place to
6 live. Economic opportunity, giving
7 people the ability to sustain themselves
8 and their families and have real pride in
9 earning a living, is critical to creating
10 healthy communities. I'm talking about
11 jobs, jobs, jobs.

12 So to create new jobs, we will
13 propose the following: A targeted and
14 coordinated effort among the private,
15 public, and non-profit sectors to secure
16 an amendment to the Uniformity Clause in

17 the Pennsylvania State Constitution,
18 which will allow our city, for the first
19 time in decades, to truly reform our tax
20 structure. This isn't just about
21 delivering tax relief for homeowners --

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I

24 know some Chamber people like that.

25 This isn't just about tax

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2 relief for homeowners, although that is
3 definitely a laudable goal. This is
4 about making targeted investments to
5 stimulate the economic growth and the
6 prosperity of our city.

7 Two, we need to make sure that
8 young people in the City of Philadelphia
9 graduating from the Philadelphia public
10 schools and other high schools are
11 prepared to join the workforce. For
12 some, that might mean moving on to
13 college and maybe even grad school, but
14 college, particularly with the insane
15 costs and debt associated with it, is not
16 for everyone.

17 So what we want to do and have

18 started those discussions, that we have
19 been blessed to have world-class higher
20 education institutions and teaching
21 hospitals in the City of Philadelphia.
22 Few cities can beat us in eds and meds.
23 As a matter of fact, I'll go so far as to
24 say we're the best. I know Boston is
25 maybe a close second, but at the end of

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2 the day, the City of Philadelphia has the
3 best eds and meds.
4 (Applause.)
5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
6 understanding that, understanding that,
7 as we talk about the School District and
8 some of the curriculum changes, while I
9 understand that we are mandated to teach
10 to the test, how about teaching to the
11 job opportunity?
12 (Applause.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Wouldn't that be a novel idea?
15 So as a result of that, we have
16 had productive conversations with our
17 major universities, including Penn,
18 Drexel, and my personal favorite,

19 Temple -- it's in my district -- about
20 increasing partnerships with Philadelphia
21 public schools. And I want to thank
22 every college and university official who
23 had looked me in the eye and told me they
24 are committed to doing more for our young
25 people. They're committed, and I'm

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2 looking forward to that. Together, we
3 must find a way to get more Philadelphia
4 public school students on a path to tech,
5 health, science jobs right here in the
6 City of Philadelphia. That, by the way,
7 is how you really address economic
8 inequality - education plus opportunity.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Now,
11 about our schools. It is beyond
12 unconscionable that in this economic
13 recovery the big banks, the corporations,
14 the CEOs are doing better. They're doing
15 real well, real well. But across the
16 country, the simple reality is that
17 school districts are starving. And this
18 is not just morally wrong, it is also
19 extremely counterproductive as it relates

20 to our health and our long-term
21 viability.
22 We are competing with countries
23 around the globe that don't just think
24 twice about investing heavily in
25 education. In the City of Philadelphia,

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2 the birthplace of American democracy, we
3 don't have enough teachers, nurses,
4 counselors, books to give our kids a
5 quality public education they need to
6 become successful adults.
7 (Applause.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But
9 today we have more reasons to be hopeful.
10 We have a governor in Tom Wolf, who is
11 here with us today -- Governor, where are
12 you?
13 (Standing ovation.)
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All
15 right, Gov. We still love you here in
16 the City of Philadelphia. I don't know
17 about any place else in the state, but we
18 love you here.
19 So I want to thank the
20 Governor, who is insisting on a

21 responsible spending plan that funds
22 Pennsylvania schools in a responsible
23 way. And we will --
24 (Applause.)
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

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2 we will, in just a few minutes, have a
3 Mayor in Jim Kenney, a South Philadelphia
4 guy --
5 (Applause.)
6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --
7 coming from a row home community, just
8 like myself, who knows the importance of
9 a well-rounded education not just for all
10 kids, but especially for the most
11 vulnerable kids, kids who are born into
12 less than stable conditions and less than
13 perfectly safe communities. So we look
14 forward --
15 (Applause.)
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --
17 to ensuring that opportunity, because all
18 children deserve a quality education just
19 as our own.
20 Last November, our new Mayor
21 and our new chief education officers and

22 members of my staff, we visited
23 Cincinnati.
24 I'm going to go off script a
25 little bit on this.

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2 We saw something that was
3 extremely exciting. We saw a school that
4 had every opportunity in that school for
5 healthcare. I mean, they literally had
6 an eyeglass store in the school. It was
7 awesome. And I got to tell you, I'm not
8 easily impressed, but I was impressed.
9 But the simple reality is for every city,
10 you need to have a different business
11 model, and in the City of Philadelphia,
12 as we move towards adopting the community
13 school model in a very aggressive way,
14 the simple reality is, to some degree the
15 challenges for that child are not just in
16 the classroom. It's in the home. It's
17 in the way to school.
18 (Applause.)
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's
20 all of the issues, the social issues,
21 that surround that child's life.
22 So what we say, we have to

23 address the entire child. We can't
24 simply just focus on the classroom.
25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
3 what we're talking about is creating
4 community schools in an aggressive way.
5 Mayor, I hope I'm not taking a
6 part of your speech. I'm sorry, because
7 I'm free-lancing. I get excited about
8 this.
9 When we talk about the things
10 that people need in communities, we talk
11 about we do not have a City Hall in every
12 neighborhood, right? We do not have a
13 library in every neighborhood, right? We
14 do not have a hospital in every
15 neighborhood. But guess what we have in
16 every neighborhood? A school. So that
17 school should be the focal point of every
18 imaginable service that we can deliver to
19 our citizens, and I think that approach
20 will allow us to create the environment
21 that will make every neighborhood a
22 neighborhood of choice.
23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So I
25 just want to say I'm extremely excited,

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2 obviously, about that potential.

3 City Council has already
4 started the process towards community
5 schools, and we'll be talking about that
6 in a little more aggressive pace, but I
7 want to talk about one thing that has
8 recently become a topic of discussion.

9 Very shortly we will be making an
10 announcement on significant reforms of
11 our criminal justice system, right?

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 is not sexy. People, okay, whatever.
15 But the simple reality is that it affects
16 your life if you pay taxes. It affects
17 your life if you have a family member
18 that has had a challenge. It affects
19 your life if you happen to live in a
20 neighborhood where crime continues to be
21 a challenge. It will affect your life if
22 you are a member of the City of
23 Philadelphia.

24 So with this reform, we will

25 look at every opportunity, because we

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2 truly believe that no Philadelphian
3 should live in fear of those sworn to
4 protect and serve them, meaning the
5 police, nor should any Philadelphian who
6 has made a mistake and is remorseful and
7 wants to turn their life around and
8 become a productive citizen be denied
9 opportunities to do so.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
12 to all of you and to my colleagues in
13 particular, all of you, I want to thank
14 you so much for the last four years, and
15 I look forward to the next four years,
16 because it is going to be a blast.

17 So to all of you, I want to
18 thank you so much for being here today.
19 May God bless you. Thank you so much.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you. Now it's time to get back to
23 real business.

24 The next order of business is
25 the election of the Chief Clerk of the

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2 City Council of Philadelphia.

3 Nominations are now in order, and the

4 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

6 Mr. President. I nominate Mr. Michael

7 Decker.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

9 Chair thanks the gentleman, and the Chair

10 now recognizes Councilman Domb.

11 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,

12 Mr. President. I second the nomination.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are

14 there any additional nominations?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Hearing none, the Chair recognizes

18 Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

20 Mr. President, I move the nominations be

21 closed.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

23 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: I second

25 that motion.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the nominations be
5 closed. All those in favor of the motion
6 will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed will say nay.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

12 ayes have it and the motion carries.

13 There being no further nominations, all

14 in favor of the election of Mr. Michael

15 Decker as Chief Clerk of Council will say

16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

22 ayes have it. However, the Clerk will

23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Bass.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Blackwell.
5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.
7 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.
9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
11 Greenlee.
12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.
14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.
16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.
17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
18 Johnson.
19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.
21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

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2 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Parker.
5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Quinones-Sanchez.
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.
11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Squilla.
14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Taubenberger.
17 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Clarke.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
21 The ayes are 17; the nays are
22 zero. Mr. Decker, having received a
23 unanimous vote of the members of Council,
24 I now declare Mr. Michael Decker duly
25 elected Chief Clerk of the City Council

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2 of Philadelphia.
3 (Applause.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: At
5 this time, Councilman Greenlee and
6 Councilwoman Blackwell will escort
7 Mr. Decker to the rostrum. Judge
8 Woods-Skipper will administer the oath of
9 office to Mr. Decker.

10 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Mr.
11 Decker, if you will place your left hand
12 on the Bible and raise your right hand
13 and repeat after me.

14 (Oath of office administered.)

15 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:
16 Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you, and congratulations,
20 Mr. Decker.

21 At this time, I will name the
22 officers of the City Council. Please be
23 advised by a vote of the democratic
24 members of Council, the Honorable Bobby
25 Henon was elected Majority Leader, the

3 (Applause.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 Honorable Blondell Reynolds Brown was
6 elected Majority Whip.
7 (Applause.)
8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
9 the Honorable William Greenlee was
10 elected Majority Deputy Whip of the City
11 Council of Philadelphia.
12 (Applause.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
14 be advised that by a vote of the
15 republican members of Council, the
16 Honorable Brian J. O'Neill was elected
17 Minority Leader.
18 (Applause.)
19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
20 the Honorable David Oh was elected
21 Minority Whip.
22 (Applause.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you. The next order of business is
25 the introduction of a resolution

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2 concerning the rules of government of the
3 Council of the City of Philadelphia, and

4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman
5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I offer the
8 following resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr.
10 Decker, would you please read that
11 resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution to
13 provide Rules for the Government of the
14 Council of the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. I move that the
20 rules, as set forth in this resolution,
21 be adopted as the temporary rules of
22 Council until the permanent rules are
23 adopted.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. The Chair thanks the

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2 Councilwoman.

3 The Chair now recognizes
4 Councilwoman Gym.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GYM:

6 Mr. President, I second the motion.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 All in favor of the motion will

10 say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

16 ayes have it and the motion is carried.

17 The rules contained in this resolution

18 have been adopted temporarily. The

19 resolution will be placed on the Final

20 Passage Calendar for consideration at our

21 next session of Council.

22 The organization of the Council

23 of the City of Philadelphia and the

24 investiture of the City Council members

25 are now complete, in accordance with the

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2 provisions of the Home Rule Charter.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Council is now honored by the presence of

6 John Roberts. I ask you all to please
7 rise as I invite Reverend Roberts to lead
8 us in prayer.
9 (All members and guests rise.)
10 REVEREND ROBERTS: Let us all
11 pray.
12 Lord, thou has been our
13 dwelling place in all generations, before
14 the mountains were brought forth, forever
15 thou has formed the earth and the world.
16 Even from everlasting to everlasting,
17 thou art God.
18 Our Father, we just want to
19 take time to thank you. Not only did you
20 wake us up, but you helped us to get up.
21 You blessed us with a portion of strength
22 where we were able to bathe ourselves
23 without any assistance. And then you
24 brought us to this place on this morning,
25 covering us with your divine protection.

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2 We ask now that you would bless
3 these great leaders of this great city.
4 Bless our Council President. Thank you
5 for the service that he's already
6 rendered. We ask that you will continue

7 to give him wisdom and knowledge and even
8 a greater understanding that he might
9 lead this great city, along with those
10 that are in the office along with him
11 working to make this city a greater city.

12 We pray now for our children,
13 that you will cover them in your divine
14 protection. All lives matter.

15 Bless us now and we shall be
16 blessed. Heal us now and we shall be
17 healed. For how good and how pleasant it
18 is for brethren to dwell together in
19 unity.

20 Except the Lord build the
21 house, they labor in vain that build it.
22 Except the Lord keep the city, the
23 watchman waketh but in vain.

24 We ask that you would be with
25 us on today, and when we leave this

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2 place, let us continue to bind together
3 to make this the greatest city in
4 America. I believe we can do it. We
5 trust and look to you, the author and
6 finisher of our faith.

7 Bless our Councilperson. Bless

- 8 the President. Bless his family. Keep
- 9 them safe from hurt, harm, and danger.
- 10 Bless my good friend and P

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2 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

3 STATED MEETING

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6 Academy of Music
Broad and Locust Streets
7 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, January 4, 2016
8 10:00 a.m.

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- 10 PRESENT:
 - COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
 - 11 COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
 - COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
 - 12 COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
 - COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
 - 13 COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
 - COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
 - 14 COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
 - COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
 - 15 COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
 - COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
 - 16 COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
 - COUNCILWOMAN CHERELLE L. PARKER
 - 17 COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ

COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

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MICHAEL A. DECKER, CHIEF CLERK

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MR. TALIAFERRO: Ladies and

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gentlemen, welcome to the investiture of

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members of Council, the organization of

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City Council, the inauguration of the

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Honorable James F. Kenney as Mayor, and

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the investiture of members of the

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Judiciary, City Commissioners, Sheriff,

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and Register of Wills. We ask that you

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please turn off all pagers and cellular

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phones and please be patient. We will

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start in approximately five minutes.

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(Brief pause.)

14 MR. TALIAFERRO: Ladies and
15 gentlemen, good morning and once again
16 welcome to the investiture of members of
17 Council, the organization of City
18 Council, the inauguration of the
19 Honorable James F. Kenney as Mayor, and
20 the investiture of members of the
21 Judiciary, City Commissioners, Sheriff,
22 and Register of Wills. We ask that you
23 please turn off all pagers and cellular
24 phones for the remainder of the ceremony.
25 Thank you.

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2 And now we would ask that you
3 would rise and bow your heads for the
4 invocation given by His Excellency,
5 Charles Chaput, Archbishop of
6 Philadelphia.

7 (All members and guests rise.)

8 ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT: Samuel
9 Adams, the political philosopher and one

10 of our nation's founding fathers, once
11 observed that a person is the truest
12 friend of the liberty of his country who
13 tries most to promote its virtue.

14 As citizens of the United
15 States and this wonderful City of
16 Philadelphia, we've inherited freedoms
17 and opportunities that set a standard for
18 much of the world. We have so very much
19 to be grateful for as we begin a new
20 year, and let us turn our hearts for a
21 moment to the one God who made us and who
22 sustains us with his love.

23 Let us pray.

24 Father in Heaven, Scripture
25 teaches us that you formed us in the

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2 womb, you created us in your image, and
3 you guarantee the dignity of each and
4 every human being. Make us faithful
5 stewards of the time you give us in this

6 world. Help us to be builders and
7 peacemakers. Help us to remember the
8 poor and to protect the weak. Help us to
9 reflect your light to the world and to
10 show by our action that truth, integrity,
11 and service still shape the purpose of
12 American public life.

13 Bless Mayor Kenney in his time
14 of service, the members of our City
15 Council, their families, and all the men
16 and women who serve with them, and pour
17 down your grace on all Philadelphians so
18 that the renewal of this great city will
19 begin and take root in the goodness and
20 decency of its people.

21 We ask this in your name as
22 your sons and daughters, confident of
23 your love.

24 Amen.

25 (Amen.)

2 MR. TALIAFERRO: We invite you
3 to remain standing as the Philadelphia
4 Police and Fire Departments, along with
5 the Philadelphia Prison System Honor
6 Guards, present the colors, while the
7 Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale leads
8 us in singing the National Anthem.

9 (Colors presented and National
10 Anthem sung.)

11 (Applause.)

12 MR. TALIAFERRO: At this time,
13 please welcome City Council President,
14 the Honorable Darrell L. Clarke, to the
15 podium.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
18 morning.

19 (Good morning.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It
21 is a great day.

22 I'd just like to take this
23 moment to welcome and thank everyone who
24 has taken time out of their busy day to
25 witness their government in action. It

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2 is truly a great experience. I hope that
3 you really enjoy yourselves, so much so
4 that in four years you come back again.

5 At this time, I'd like to
6 acknowledge some special guests who are
7 joining us today: Archbishop Charles
8 Chaput, Reverend John Roberts, Reverend
9 John Swope, Reverend Terrence Griffith,
10 Rabbi Jill Maderer, former Governor Ed
11 Rendell, former Mayor John Street, former
12 Mayor William Green, former Mayor Wilson
13 Goode, and Mayor Michael Nutter, the
14 Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper, the
15 Honorable Rosalyn Robinson, the Honorable
16 Kevin Dougherty, the Honorable Susan
17 Gantman, the Honorable Marsha Neifield.

18 And I also wish to acknowledge all the
19 elected officials that are here today and
20 to acknowledge my family who is here with
21 me today. I just have to give a

22 shout-out to them.
23 (Applause.)
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
25 being the day fixed by the Philadelphia

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2 Home Rule Charter for the organization of
3 Council of the City of Philadelphia, the
4 hour has arrived, and we will now proceed
5 with the organization of Council, the
6 investiture of Councilmembers.

7 The first order of business
8 will be the election of a temporary
9 chairperson. Nominations are now in
10 order, and the Chair recognizes
11 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I nominate Councilman
14 Bobby Henon.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you.
17 The Chair now recognizes

18 Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN:

20 Mr. President, I second the nomination.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are

22 there any other nominations?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 There being none, the Chair now

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2 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

3 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL:

4 Mr. President, I move the nominations be

5 closed.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

7 Chair thanks the gentleman.

8 The Chair now recognizes

9 Councilwoman Parker.

10 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Thank

11 you, Mr. President. I second the motion.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Thank you.

14 All those in favor of the
15 motion say aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

18 Those opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

21 ayes have it, and the nominations are

22 closed. There being no further

23 nominations, all in favor of the election

24 of Councilman Henon will say aye.

25 (Aye.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Those opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

6 ayes have it, and Councilman Henon has

7 been duly elected temporary chairperson.

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCILMAN HENON: Well, good

10 morning and thank you. The first order
11 of business, I appoint Mr. Michael Decker
12 temporary Clerk.

13 The next order of business is
14 the filing of certificates of the
15 election. The Clerk will call the roll.

16 I direct the Clerk to call the roll,
17 beginning with the
18 Councilpersons-at-large in alphabetical
19 order and then proceed with the District
20 Councilpersons in the order of their
21 districts, beginning with the First
22 District.

23 Clerk?

24 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Allan Domb?

25 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Present.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Derek Green?

3 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Present.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. William

5 Greenlee?

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Present.
7 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Helen Gym?
8 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Present.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. David Oh?
10 COUNCILMAN OH: Present.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Blondell
12 Reynolds Brown?
13 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Present.
14 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Al
15 Taubenberger?
16 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:
17 Present.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Mark Squilla?
19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Present.
20 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Kenyatta
21 Johnson?
22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present.
23 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Jannie
24 Blackwell?
25 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL:

2 Present.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Curtis Jones,

4 Jr.?

5 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Darrell

7 Clarke?

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Present.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Bobby Henon?

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: Present.

12 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Maria

13 Quinones-Sanchez?

14 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ:

15 Presente.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Cindy Bass?

17 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Present.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Ms. Cherelle

19 Parker?

20 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Present.

21 CHIEF CLERK: Mr. Brian

22 O'Neill?

23 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon,

25 a quorum of the members-elect is present,

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2 and I have in my possession certificates
3 of election from the County Board of
4 Elections in Philadelphia, indicating
5 their election on November 3rd, 2015 for
6 a term of four years, commencing the
7 first Monday of January, AD 2016.

8 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
9 Clerk.

10 The investiture of members of
11 City Council will now proceed. The
12 members-elect will rise and take the oath
13 of office, which will be administered by
14 the Honorable Sheila Woods-Skipper,
15 President Judge of the Court of Common
16 Pleas.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Good
19 morning. I would ask that all members
20 who will be given the oath this morning
21 please stand, place your left hands on
22 the Bible, and raise your right hands.

23 If you all could just repeat
24 after me.
25 (Oath of office administered.)

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2 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:

3 Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: The next

6 order of business is the election of a

7 President of City Council for the City of

8 Philadelphia to serve for four years,

9 commencing January 4th, 2016.

10 Nominations are now in order, and the

11 Chair recognizes Councilman Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank

13 you, Mr. Chairman. I proudly and with

14 great honor nominate Darrell L. Clarke.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,

17 Councilman.

18 At this time, the Chair

19 recognizes Councilman Oh.

20 COUNCILMAN OH: Mr. Chairman, I

21 second that nomination.

22 COUNCILMAN HENON: Are there

23 any further nominations?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN HENON: Hearing

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2 none, the Chair recognizes Councilman

3 Johnson.

4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

5 Mr. Chairman, I move the nominations be

6 closed.

7 COUNCILMAN HENON: The Chair

8 recognizes Councilman Taubenberger.

9 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER:

10 Mr. Chairman, I second the motion.

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: All those in

12 favor will say aye. Those opposed, nay.

13 There being no -- all aye?

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those
16 opposed?
17 (No response.)
18 COUNCILMAN HENON: There being
19 no further nominations, those in favor of
20 the election of the Honorable Darrell L.
21 Clarke as President of City Council will
22 say aye.
23 (Aye.)
24 COUNCILMAN HENON: Those
25 opposed?

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2 (No response.)
3 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes
4 have it. However, the temporary Clerk
5 will call the roll.
6 Clerk?
7 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
8 Bass.
9 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.
10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

11 Blackwell.

12 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

14 Clarke.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.

16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

17 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

18 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

19 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

21 Greenlee.

22 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

23 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

24 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

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2 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

4 Johnson.

5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

7 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
9 O'Neill.
10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
11 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.
12 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
14 Parker.
15 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
16 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.
18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
19 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
20 Reynolds Brown.
21 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 Squilla.
24 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

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2 Taubenberger.

3 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.

4 COUNCILMAN HENON: The ayes are

5 17; the nays are zero. Councilman Clarke

6 having been unanimously chosen by the

7 members of City Council, I declare that

8 Councilman Clarke is duly elected

9 President of this Council body.

10 (Standing ovation.)

11 COUNCILMAN HENON: A little

12 anxious to come to the podium here,

13 Council President.

14 I appoint Councilwoman Blondell

15 Reynolds Brown, Councilman Greenlee,

16 Councilman O'Neill, and Councilman Oh to

17 escort Council President Clarke to the

18 rostrum. Joining the President at the

19 rostrum will be Nita Wroten and Helen

20 Brown. The oath of office will be

21 administered by the Honorable Rosalyn

22 Robinson, Judge of the Court of Common

23 Pleas. You may proceed to the rostrum,

24 please.

25 (Applause.)

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2 JUDGE ROBINSON: Council

3 President, place your left hand on the

4 Bible, raise your right hand and repeat

5 after me.

6 (Oath of office administered.)

7 JUDGE ROBINSON:

8 Congratulations.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCILMAN HENON: It is now my

13 pleasure to present to you the President

14 of City Council, the Honorable Darrell L.

15 Clarke.

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I'm

18 sorry I was a little anxious. It's only

19 my second time.

20 Folks, I just want to say that

21 it is a pleasure of having an opportunity

22 to serve as the President of the City

23 Council of Philadelphia. It is one of
24 the best jobs in the City and one of the
25 best jobs in the country. So I want to

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2 truly thank my colleagues, all of my
3 supporters, all of the wonderful staff
4 that we have and the people that have
5 given me this awesome opportunity.

6 To my colleagues, some old
7 friends and some new friends, it is my
8 honor to continue serving the people of
9 the City of Philadelphia as President of
10 City Council. I want to thank you again
11 for this privilege.

12 Four years ago, as some of you
13 may recall, I stood on this stage and I
14 was a little nervous, it was my first
15 time, I must admit, but I was extremely
16 optimistic and extremely determined to do
17 the business for the citizens of the City
18 of Philadelphia, and as a result of that,

19 I'd like to say I am so proud of this
20 City Council, the people that I have
21 worked with. And I know that I may rub
22 some people the wrong way, but the last
23 four years I've worked with what I
24 believe to be the best City Council in
25 the City of Philadelphia's history.

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2 (Applause.)
3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
4 that doesn't include the new members
5 because you guys weren't here. So I'm
6 sure you'll enhance that.
7 But together we modernized
8 property assessments, streamlined
9 planning and development functions in an
10 historic reinvention of municipal
11 government, created the nation's largest
12 Land Bank.
13 Thank you, Councilwoman, for
14 that awesome work.

15 (Applause.)
16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We
17 authorized an independent Water and Sewer
18 Rate Board to protect consumers and
19 strengthened regulations to make
20 building, demolition, and construction
21 safer.
22 Councilman Jones, I want to
23 thank you for chairing those hearings.
24 (Applause.)
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: We

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2 adopted strategies to build an affordable
3 future, and that is very important in
4 today's times. Solicited citizen input
5 and community sustainability initiatives
6 at town halls throughout the City of
7 Philadelphia and began working with
8 stakeholders.
9 And, Mayor Kenney, I want to
10 thank you. That trip was awesome to

11 Cincinnati. We look forward to expanding
12 on that.

13 And the last four years were
14 extremely productive, and I'm
15 particularly proud about the fact that
16 we've worked together. And you look at
17 the vote count and the number of our
18 sessions and there were a lot of 17-0,
19 16-1's, 15-2's. And as a matter of fact,
20 I tell my communications person that a
21 press person actually called me and said,
22 You know, you guys are boring.

23 What do you mean?

24 You're always together.

25 I said, Well, you know, that's

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2 not a bad thing. And I had to apologize
3 for not having to fight on the floor of
4 City Council. We didn't do that this
5 term, right? Nobody threatened to throw
6 anybody out of the window, right? A la

7 Abscam, there wasn't a movie made after
8 us. But we did some good work. But
9 guess what? We still have so much more
10 to do.

11 In spite of the significant
12 problems we tackled and milestones we
13 reached, far too many issues remain
14 unresolved. None of us here, especially
15 those in this beautiful amphitheater, can
16 feel good about being the most
17 impoverished of the major U.S. cities.
18 Nor can we feel good about unemployment
19 in some of our neighborhoods,
20 unemployment that actually reaches
21 upwards of 40 to 50 percent in some of
22 our communities. We cannot feel good
23 about vacant lots and blighted conditions
24 that still are a part of some
25 neighborhoods' landscape. We have to fix

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2 that.

3 The previous term Council made
4 a significant proposal to ensure
5 equitable growth throughout the City of
6 Philadelphia, to make sure that every
7 neighborhood, every neighborhood is a
8 community of choice. And I want to thank
9 my colleagues for working so diligently
10 toward the goal of equitable communities
11 that are inclusive of everyone regardless
12 of who they are or how much they earn. I
13 want to thank you guys so much for that
14 great work.

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Here
17 in the City of Philadelphia, a city of
18 working-class communities, that
19 conversation begins and ends with
20 affordability. For those of us who got
21 knocked down during the recession,
22 whether by job loss or lost savings,
23 getting back to where we were has been
24 difficult, has been extremely difficult.
25 Young people are delaying homeownership.

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2 People who used to be homeowners are now
3 renting. There are some significant
4 challenges. And in spite, you do see
5 market-rate housing in a lot of sections
6 of the City of Philadelphia. And I want
7 to thank Mayor Nutter for working with us
8 to ensure that we have significant
9 growth. But the simple reality is that
10 most of our citizens cannot afford the
11 cost of those new market-rate housing.

12 So last term, City Council set
13 out a goal to building 2,000 new
14 affordable, workforce units on vacant
15 land in gentrifying neighborhoods to make
16 sure that everybody had an opportunity to
17 live in these choice neighborhoods. We
18 are already bucking a trend that is
19 making other major cities less affordable
20 and less inclusive.

21 We will also be rolling out a
22 comprehensive energy strategy to help
23 homeowners, businesses, and our own City

24 government to increase efficiencies,
25 reduce costs, and create more than 10,000

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2 new green jobs along the way. To the
3 press, stay tuned for that.

4 We know that a good quality of
5 life is not just about having a place to
6 live. Economic opportunity, giving
7 people the ability to sustain themselves
8 and their families and have real pride in
9 earning a living, is critical to creating
10 healthy communities. I'm talking about
11 jobs, jobs, jobs.

12 So to create new jobs, we will
13 propose the following: A targeted and
14 coordinated effort among the private,
15 public, and non-profit sectors to secure
16 an amendment to the Uniformity Clause in
17 the Pennsylvania State Constitution,
18 which will allow our city, for the first
19 time in decades, to truly reform our tax

20 structure. This isn't just about
21 delivering tax relief for homeowners --
22 (Applause.)
23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
24 know some Chamber people like that.
25 This isn't just about tax

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2 relief for homeowners, although that is
3 definitely a laudable goal. This is
4 about making targeted investments to
5 stimulate the economic growth and the
6 prosperity of our city.
7 Two, we need to make sure that
8 young people in the City of Philadelphia
9 graduating from the Philadelphia public
10 schools and other high schools are
11 prepared to join the workforce. For
12 some, that might mean moving on to
13 college and maybe even grad school, but
14 college, particularly with the insane
15 costs and debt associated with it, is not

16 for everyone.

17 So what we want to do and have

18 started those discussions, that we have

19 been blessed to have world-class higher

20 education institutions and teaching

21 hospitals in the City of Philadelphia.

22 Few cities can beat us in eds and meds.

23 As a matter of fact, I'll go so far as to

24 say we're the best. I know Boston is

25 maybe a close second, but at the end of

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2 the day, the City of Philadelphia has the

3 best eds and meds.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So

6 understanding that, understanding that,

7 as we talk about the School District and

8 some of the curriculum changes, while I

9 understand that we are mandated to teach

10 to the test, how about teaching to the

11 job opportunity?

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Wouldn't that be a novel idea?

15 So as a result of that, we have

16 had productive conversations with our

17 major universities, including Penn,

18 Drexel, and my personal favorite,

19 Temple -- it's in my district -- about

20 increasing partnerships with Philadelphia

21 public schools. And I want to thank

22 every college and university official who

23 had looked me in the eye and told me they

24 are committed to doing more for our young

25 people. They're committed, and I'm

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2 looking forward to that. Together, we

3 must find a way to get more Philadelphia

4 public school students on a path to tech,

5 health, science jobs right here in the

6 City of Philadelphia. That, by the way,

7 is how you really address economic

8 inequality - education plus opportunity.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Now,

11 about our schools. It is beyond

12 unconscionable that in this economic

13 recovery the big banks, the corporations,

14 the CEOs are doing better. They're doing

15 real well, real well. But across the

16 country, the simple reality is that

17 school districts are starving. And this

18 is not just morally wrong, it is also

19 extremely counterproductive as it relates

20 to our health and our long-term

21 viability.

22 We are competing with countries

23 around the globe that don't just think

24 twice about investing heavily in

25 education. In the City of Philadelphia,

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2 the birthplace of American democracy, we

3 don't have enough teachers, nurses,

4 counselors, books to give our kids a
5 quality public education they need to
6 become successful adults.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: But

9 today we have more reasons to be hopeful.

10 We have a governor in Tom Wolf, who is

11 here with us today -- Governor, where are

12 you?

13 (Standing ovation.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: All

15 right, Gov. We still love you here in

16 the City of Philadelphia. I don't know

17 about any place else in the state, but we

18 love you here.

19 So I want to thank the

20 Governor, who is insisting on a

21 responsible spending plan that funds

22 Pennsylvania schools in a responsible

23 way. And we will --

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

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2 we will, in just a few minutes, have a
3 Mayor in Jim Kenney, a South Philadelphia
4 guy --

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --
7 coming from a row home community, just
8 like myself, who knows the importance of
9 a well-rounded education not just for all
10 kids, but especially for the most
11 vulnerable kids, kids who are born into
12 less than stable conditions and less than
13 perfectly safe communities. So we look
14 forward --

15 (Applause.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: --
17 to ensuring that opportunity, because all
18 children deserve a quality education just
19 as our own.

20 Last November, our new Mayor
21 and our new chief education officers and
22 members of my staff, we visited
23 Cincinnati.

24 I'm going to go off script a
25 little bit on this.

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2 We saw something that was
3 extremely exciting. We saw a school that
4 had every opportunity in that school for
5 healthcare. I mean, they literally had
6 an eyeglass store in the school. It was
7 awesome. And I got to tell you, I'm not
8 easily impressed, but I was impressed.
9 But the simple reality is for every city,
10 you need to have a different business
11 model, and in the City of Philadelphia,
12 as we move towards adopting the community
13 school model in a very aggressive way,
14 the simple reality is, to some degree the
15 challenges for that child are not just in
16 the classroom. It's in the home. It's
17 in the way to school.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: It's

20 all of the issues, the social issues,
21 that surround that child's life.
22 So what we say, we have to
23 address the entire child. We can't
24 simply just focus on the classroom.
25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So
3 what we're talking about is creating
4 community schools in an aggressive way.

5 Mayor, I hope I'm not taking a
6 part of your speech. I'm sorry, because
7 I'm free-lancing. I get excited about
8 this.

9 When we talk about the things
10 that people need in communities, we talk
11 about we do not have a City Hall in every
12 neighborhood, right? We do not have a
13 library in every neighborhood, right? We
14 do not have a hospital in every
15 neighborhood. But guess what we have in

16 every neighborhood? A school. So that
17 school should be the focal point of every
18 imaginable service that we can deliver to
19 our citizens, and I think that approach
20 will allow us to create the environment
21 that will make every neighborhood a
22 neighborhood of choice.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So I
25 just want to say I'm extremely excited,

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2 obviously, about that potential.
3 City Council has already
4 started the process towards community
5 schools, and we'll be talking about that
6 in a little more aggressive pace, but I
7 want to talk about one thing that has
8 recently become a topic of discussion.
9 Very shortly we will be making an
10 announcement on significant reforms of
11 our criminal justice system, right?

12 (Applause.)
13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
14 is not sexy. People, okay, whatever.
15 But the simple reality is that it affects
16 your life if you pay taxes. It affects
17 your life if you have a family member
18 that has had a challenge. It affects
19 your life if you happen to live in a
20 neighborhood where crime continues to be
21 a challenge. It will affect your life if
22 you are a member of the City of
23 Philadelphia.
24 So with this reform, we will
25 look at every opportunity, because we

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2 truly believe that no Philadelphian
3 should live in fear of those sworn to
4 protect and serve them, meaning the
5 police, nor should any Philadelphian who
6 has made a mistake and is remorseful and
7 wants to turn their life around and

8 become a productive citizen be denied
9 opportunities to do so.

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: So

12 to all of you and to my colleagues in
13 particular, all of you, I want to thank
14 you so much for the last four years, and
15 I look forward to the next four years,
16 because it is going to be a blast.

17 So to all of you, I want to
18 thank you so much for being here today.
19 May God bless you. Thank you so much.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Now it's time to get back to
23 real business.

24 The next order of business is
25 the election of the Chief Clerk of the

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2 City Council of Philadelphia.
3 Nominations are now in order, and the

4 Chair recognizes Councilman Squilla.

5 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank you,

6 Mr. President. I nominate Mr. Michael

7 Decker.

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

9 Chair thanks the gentleman, and the Chair

10 now recognizes Councilman Domb.

11 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,

12 Mr. President. I second the nomination.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Are

14 there any additional nominations?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Hearing none, the Chair recognizes

18 Councilwoman Bass.

19 COUNCILWOMAN BASS:

20 Mr. President, I move the nominations be

21 closed.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

23 Chair now recognizes Councilman Jones.

24 COUNCILMAN JONES: I second

25 that motion.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you. It has been moved and
4 properly seconded that the nominations be
5 closed. All those in favor of the motion
6 will say aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

9 Those opposed will say nay.

10 (No response.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

12 ayes have it and the motion carries.

13 There being no further nominations, all

14 in favor of the election of Mr. Michael

15 Decker as Chief Clerk of Council will say

16 aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Those opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

22 ayes have it. However, the Clerk will

23 call the roll.

24 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

25 Bass.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN BASS: Aye.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman

4 Blackwell.

5 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Aye.

6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Domb.

7 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Aye.

8 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Green.

9 COUNCILMAN GREEN: Aye.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

11 Greenlee.

12 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Aye.

13 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman Gym.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GYM: Aye.

15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Henon.

16 COUNCILMAN HENON: Aye.

17 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman

18 Johnson.

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Jones.

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: Aye.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
23 O'Neill.
24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Aye.
25 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman Oh.

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2 COUNCILMAN OH: Aye.
3 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
4 Parker.
5 COUNCILWOMAN PARKER: Aye.
6 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
7 Quinones-Sanchez.
8 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Aye.
9 CHIEF CLERK: Councilwoman
10 Reynolds Brown.
11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Aye.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
13 Squilla.
14 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Aye.
15 CHIEF CLERK: Councilman
16 Taubenberger.

17 COUNCILMAN TAUBENBERGER: Aye.
18 CHIEF CLERK: Council President
19 Clarke.
20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Aye.
21 The ayes are 17; the nays are
22 zero. Mr. Decker, having received a
23 unanimous vote of the members of Council,
24 I now declare Mr. Michael Decker duly
25 elected Chief Clerk of the City Council

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2 of Philadelphia.
3 (Applause.)
4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: At
5 this time, Councilman Greenlee and
6 Councilwoman Blackwell will escort
7 Mr. Decker to the rostrum. Judge
8 Woods-Skipper will administer the oath of
9 office to Mr. Decker.
10 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Mr.
11 Decker, if you will place your left hand
12 on the Bible and raise your right hand

13 and repeat after me.

14 (Oath of office administered.)

15 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:

16 Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

19 Thank you, and congratulations,

20 Mr. Decker.

21 At this time, I will name the

22 officers of the City Council. Please be

23 advised by a vote of the democratic

24 members of Council, the Honorable Bobby

25 Henon was elected Majority Leader, the

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2 Honorable --

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

5 Honorable Blondell Reynolds Brown was

6 elected Majority Whip.

7 (Applause.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And

9 the Honorable William Greenlee was
10 elected Majority Deputy Whip of the City
11 Council of Philadelphia.

12 (Applause.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Also
14 be advised that by a vote of the
15 republican members of Council, the
16 Honorable Brian J. O'Neill was elected
17 Minority Leader.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And
20 the Honorable David Oh was elected
21 Minority Whip.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
24 Thank you. The next order of business is
25 the introduction of a resolution

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2 concerning the rules of government of the
3 Council of the City of Philadelphia, and
4 the Chair recognizes Councilwoman

5 Blackwell.

6 COUNCILWOMAN BLACKWELL: Thank
7 you, Mr. President. I offer the
8 following resolution.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Mr.
10 Decker, would you please read that
11 resolution.

12 CHIEF CLERK: A resolution to
13 provide Rules for the Government of the
14 Council of the City of Philadelphia.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
16 Chair recognizes Councilwoman
17 Quinones-Sanchez.

18 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
19 you, Mr. President. I move that the
20 rules, as set forth in this resolution,
21 be adopted as the temporary rules of
22 Council until the permanent rules are
23 adopted.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
25 Thank you. The Chair thanks the

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2 Councilwoman.

3 The Chair now recognizes

4 Councilwoman Gym.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GYM:

6 Mr. President, I second the motion.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you.

9 All in favor of the motion will

10 say aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

13 Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

16 ayes have it and the motion is carried.

17 The rules contained in this resolution

18 have been adopted temporarily. The

19 resolution will be placed on the Final

20 Passage Calendar for consideration at our

21 next session of Council.

22 The organization of the Council

23 of the City of Philadelphia and the

24 investiture of the City Council members

25 are now complete, in accordance with the

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2 provisions of the Home Rule Charter.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Council is now honored by the presence of

6 John Roberts. I ask you all to please

7 rise as I invite Reverend Roberts to lead

8 us in prayer.

9 (All members and guests rise.)

10 REVEREND ROBERTS: Let us all

11 pray.

12 Lord, thou has been our

13 dwelling place in all generations, before

14 the mountains were brought forth, forever

15 thou has formed the earth and the world.

16 Even from everlasting to everlasting,

17 thou art God.

18 Our Father, we just want to

19 take time to thank you. Not only did you

20 wake us up, but you helped us to get up.

21 You blessed us with a portion of strength
22 where we were able to bathe ourselves
23 without any assistance. And then you
24 brought us to this place on this morning,
25 covering us with your divine protection.

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2 We ask now that you would bless
3 these great leaders of this great city.
4 Bless our Council President. Thank you
5 for the service that he's already
6 rendered. We ask that you will continue
7 to give him wisdom and knowledge and even
8 a greater understanding that he might
9 lead this great city, along with those
10 that are in the office along with him
11 working to make this city a greater city.

12 We pray now for our children,
13 that you will cover them in your divine
14 protection. All lives matter.

15 Bless us now and we shall be
16 blessed. Heal us now and we shall be

17 healed. For how good and how pleasant it
18 is for brethren to dwell together in
19 unity.

20 Except the Lord build the
21 house, they labor in vain that build it.

22 Except the Lord keep the city, the
23 watchman waketh but in vain.

24 We ask that you would be with
25 us on today, and when we leave this

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2 place, let us continue to bind together
3 to make this the greatest city in
4 America. I believe we can do it. We
5 trust and look to you, the author and
6 finisher of our faith.

7 Bless our Councilperson. Bless
8 the President. Bless his family. Keep
9 them safe from hurt, harm, and danger.

10 Bless my good friend and President,
11 Darrell Clarke. Touch his body, keep him
12 strong physically, naturally,

13 spiritually, with the wisdom of Solomon
14 to lead this great city, along with our
15 newly appointed and elected Mayor of this
16 great city.

17 And we ask this in thy name and
18 for our sake we pray. And as always,
19 Lord, I thank you for listening. And all
20 God's people said amen.

21 (Amen.)

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Thank you, Reverend.

25 Everyone please be seated. At

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2 this time, I invite the Enon Tabernacle
3 Baptist Church Choir to perform "I'll Say
4 Yes." The choir is directed by Garland
5 Waller.

6 (Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church

7 Choir performs.)

8 (Applause.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

10 Thank you. Extremely inspiring.

11 Today we are also honored by

12 the presence of Reverend John Swope.

13 Before we proceed with the induction of

14 the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, I

15 invite Reverend Swope to lead us in

16 prayer.

17 REVEREND SWOPE: We give thanks

18 today for how this ceremony has been

19 sprinkled with prayer and song.

20 Good and Gracious God, we who

21 gather today in prayerful recollection

22 for the inauguration of our new Mayor,

23 James Kenney, do so mindful that we are

24 citizens of a great city that mirrors the

25 rich pluralism and diversity of our

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2 country.

3 We are a people who come

4 together out of multiple backgrounds,

5 ethnic, racial, and religious, cultural
6 and social, with varying interests,
7 occupations, and matters of living. We
8 ask that you continue to bless us as
9 Philadelphians as we seek always to
10 respect one another. Make of each of us
11 a productive citizen, willing to
12 collaborate together for the good of our
13 city. Bless us with the fruits of your
14 spirit - love, joy, peace, patience,
15 kindness, gentleness - so that we may
16 truly reflect in our lives what we know
17 in our hearts, that we are all brothers
18 and sisters of one another since we are
19 all your children.

20 On our Mayor-elect, James
21 Kenney, who assumes his responsibilities
22 to lead our great City of Philadelphia,
23 we ask an outpouring of the gifts that
24 are yours alone to give - wisdom and
25 understanding, counsel and fortitude.

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2 May we always see in him dedication to
3 the service of our great, diverse city,
4 and may he always see us as willing to
5 work with him.

6 Impute Mayor-elect Kenney with
7 the spirit of truth and grant him wisdom,
8 insight, boldness to address the
9 challenges confronting our historic city.

10 Captivate his heart, Lord. Mold his
11 ethos, Lord. Inspire his mind, and
12 mentor him as he exercises the
13 responsibilities of his office. May he
14 be protected by the shield of your
15 righteousness and be armed with the sword
16 of your spirit. Set down even deeper in
17 him, oh Lord, the sensitivity to the
18 burdens that each of us bear. Make him
19 even more attuned to that groaning that
20 arises from the soul of our city, that
21 groaning that calls out for justice in
22 our time. May he seek ideals beyond what
23 the eye can see and seek always the
24 greater good.

25 Finally, Almighty God, we ask

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2 that you let the brightness, gentleness,
3 and mercy of your countenance shine upon
4 this wonderful city. Each one of us, out
5 of our various faith, traditions, and
6 heritages, pray in your most holy name,
7 and let us say together amen.

8 (Amen.)

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Thank you so much.

12 We will now proceed with the
13 induction of the Mayor of the City of
14 Philadelphia. The Chair appoints
15 Councilman Squilla, Councilwoman Bass,
16 Councilwoman Quinones-Sanchez, and
17 Councilman Johnson to escort the
18 Honorable James F. Kenney, Mayor of the
19 City of Philadelphia, to the rostrum.

20 (Standing ovation.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

22 Chair also invites Brendan and Nora
23 Kenney to join him at the rostrum.
24 JUDGE DOUGHERTY: Place your
25 left hand on the Bible, raise your right

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2 hand. Please repeat after me.
3 (Oath of office administered.)
4 JUDGE DOUGHERTY:
5 Congratulations, Mayor Kenney.
6 (Standing ovation.)
7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
8 Thank you. The Chief Clerk will now read
9 the certificate of election of the
10 Honorable James F. Kenney as Mayor of the
11 City of Philadelphia.
12 CHIEF CLERK: Jim Kenney, at an
13 election held November 3, 2015, you were
14 duly elected the Mayor of the City and
15 County of Philadelphia for a term of four
16 years, commencing the first Monday of
17 January 2016.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 Honorable Kevin Dougherty, Justice of the
20 Pennsylvania Supreme Court, will
21 administer the oath of office to the
22 Mayor.

23 MAYOR KENNEY: I'll go again.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
25 old saying, it was so nice, sometimes you

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2 want to do it twice.

3 Ladies and gentlemen, I present
4 to you the Mayor of the City of
5 Philadelphia, James Kenney.

6 (Standing ovation.)

7 MAYOR KENNEY: Thank you.
8 Thank you so much. I can't tell you how
9 humbling and what an honor it is to be
10 standing in this wonderful room with all
11 these people that I have known my whole
12 life and have worked with and to have
13 been sworn in, with my children holding

14 the Bible, by a young man who just got

15 elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme

16 Court, who lived --

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR KENNEY: -- who he and

19 his brother lived about 100 yards from

20 our home in South Philadelphia, with his

21 brother John, and Kevin.

22 We did pretty good, Kevin,

23 don't you think? God bless America.

24 And it's going to take me a

25 little time getting used to not being in

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2 City Council, because I voted three times

3 during the course of the session. I kept

4 on saying aye, and my daughter kept on

5 looking at me like I was nuts.

6 First, I want to thank my

7 parents and my children for their support

8 today and every day. Thank you so much.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR KENNEY: I also want to
11 thank the Council President and City
12 Council for allowing me to be here today.
13 This is, after all, your session and your
14 reorganization. I look forward to
15 working with you in the years to come on
16 many important things. We will be
17 partners in this endeavor, and we will
18 show you the respect that you've earned
19 as independent elected officials in
20 getting the job done for all the citizens
21 of this city.

22 (Applause.)

23 MAYOR KENNEY: I'd like to
24 thank Governor Rendell, Mayor Street,
25 Mayor Green, Mayor Goode, Mayor Nutter,

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2 and Justice Dougherty and, importantly,
3 all of our tremendous City workforce who
4 help put this all together and who are
5 working out in the street right now in

6 every capacity to make our city run. I

7 thank you for all your work.

8 (Applause.)

9 MAYOR KENNEY: I asked some of

10 my predecessors for advice on the address

11 I'm about to deliver, and above all else,

12 they said to keep it brief, except for

13 Mayor Street, who said as long as it

14 takes. Admittedly, that's never really

15 been a big problem for me. Back in

16 February, I believe I sped-read what was

17 supposed to be a 15-minute speech in

18 about 60 seconds. So bear with me.

19 We actually held that first

20 campaign speech in the Mayor's Reception

21 Room, and looking back, I guess it was a

22 little presumptuous, but I wanted to

23 launch our campaign there because it was

24 the first time I was ever in City Hall,

25 was when my mother took me to that very

2 room to see my father promoted in the
3 Fire Department. So that room has
4 special meaning for me.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR KENNEY: It was actually
7 Mayor Rizzo who swore him in, which was
8 an interesting process.

9 From a pretty early age, I
10 understood that dad didn't just work to
11 support our family. He worked for all of
12 Philadelphia's families. And that meant
13 that sometimes he was even going to be
14 required to put other families before his
15 own.

16 When you're a child, that kind
17 of sacrifice seems normal. It's your
18 reality. But looking back, I see how
19 extraordinary the sacrifice was that both
20 my parents made. During my dad's long
21 hours at the firehouse, my mother raised
22 all four of us while also working outside
23 the home so that we could attend
24 parochial school. When I went to the
25 Prep, the Jesuits articulated my parents'

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2 sacrifices as the "magis," which loosely
3 translates to "doing more," doing more
4 for others.

5 At the end of the day, it was
6 the Jesuits' teaching and my parents'
7 selflessness that led me to this stage.
8 Together they taught me that you could
9 never truly be happy unless you're in
10 service to others.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR KENNEY: Over the last
13 year, we articulated a lot of different
14 ways that we believe our administration
15 can serve the City - expanded pre-K,
16 stronger neighborhood commercial
17 corridors, community schools, and
18 community policing. And while those
19 policies cover a wide range of issues,
20 they all come from one fundamental truth:
21 government functions properly when it's

22 accessible and accountable to the people
23 it serves.
24 (Applause.)
25 MAYOR KENNEY: I learned that

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2 truth working in my early days of
3 government. I started my political
4 career working in constituent services.
5 It was my job to help folks get their
6 water turned back on and to change the
7 alley lights and to replace the
8 basketball nets at the rec center.
9 Thank you. Councilman Johnson
10 is always reeked out.
11 And when you spend all day on
12 the phone with people, you realize that
13 when government just works as it's
14 supposed to, it can dramatically change
15 people's lives.
16 For the one in four people in
17 this city living in poverty, an effective

18 public transportation system can make the
19 difference of whether or not they can
20 afford to go to that job interview. For
21 a young family, affordable pre-K can make
22 the difference of whether or not they can
23 save for their children's college
24 education. For an immigrant
25 entrepreneur, a City Commerce

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2 representative who can speak their native
3 language can make the difference between
4 a business that succeeds and one that
5 fails.

6 Accordingly, the vision that
7 will guide this administration is that
8 City government should first and foremost
9 deliver efficient, effective services to
10 every single Philadelphian.

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR KENNEY: And that is
13 regardless if they live in Northeast or

14 Southwest or if they're a knew transplant
15 or their family has lived here for
16 generations.

17 That may sound like a "back to
18 basics" approach, but in reality, it is
19 as large and difficult a goal as ever
20 been announced on this stage.

21 Providing efficient and
22 effective services means that our
23 government has to be ethical and open
24 with taxpayers about the work they pay us
25 to do.

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2 Providing efficient and
3 effective services means educating all
4 our children where they live.

5 (Applause.)

6 MAYOR KENNEY: Our children
7 should not have to get up before dawn and
8 take three different buses to get to a
9 good school.

10 (Applause.)
11 MAYOR KENNEY: But in order to
12 make quality schools in every
13 neighborhood a reality, we will need the
14 private sector and our non-profit
15 partners to come together with the City
16 to create community schools, as Council
17 President laid out very enthusiastically.
18 Providing efficient and
19 effective services also means that
20 everyone feels that they can walk the
21 streets safely and with dignity. But in
22 order to make that a reality in
23 Philadelphia, we will have to put aside
24 our differences and acknowledge two
25 things: that black lives do matter.

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2 (Applause.)
3 MAYOR KENNEY: And that the
4 overwhelming majority of our police are
5 decent, hard-working public servants who

6 risk their lives every day.

7 (Applause.)

8 MAYOR KENNEY: We need to give

9 our police the tools to establish strong

10 relationships with the community they are

11 sworn to protect and serve.

12 (Applause.)

13 MAYOR KENNEY: Furthermore,

14 providing efficient and effective

15 services means that parents working two

16 or three jobs should not live in poverty.

17 (Applause.)

18 MAYOR KENNEY: But in order to

19 create a living wage economy, our large

20 corporate banks will have to invest in

21 our small neighborhood businesses. Our

22 corporate suite executives will have to

23 hire our returning citizens coming back

24 in reentry.

25 (Applause.)

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2 MAYOR KENNEY: And we will have
3 to stop pitting the growth of blue-collar
4 jobs of the poor against white-collar
5 jobs in our hospitals and tech firms. We
6 have to, we must do both.

7 To achieve this vision, we will
8 have to work together. Government simply
9 cannot do it alone. We need our
10 businesses, our non-profits, our
11 universities, and everyday Philadelphians
12 to come together and row in the same
13 direction.

14 That kind of unity may seem
15 impossible to some, but there are so many
16 Philadelphians that are already doing it.
17 There are volunteer mentors who go to
18 South Philadelphia High School every day
19 to keep kids in school and off the
20 streets. There are corporations that
21 fund scholarships for our parochial
22 students, like the Neumann-Goretti
23 Women's Basketball Team, so that those
24 young women could become not only
25 national champions on the court, but also

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2 be the first in their families to go to
3 college.

4 (Applause.)

5 MAYOR KENNEY: I can't see you
6 out there, but I'd like the national
7 champion women's basketball high school
8 team to stand to be recognized.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR KENNEY: And I just have
11 one more thing to say to you: Squad.

12 I love them. They're great.

13 There are police officers who
14 volunteer with PAL programs so that more
15 of children's first interaction with
16 police officers are positive and fun.

17 And there are community activists who
18 organize so that we all are forced to
19 acknowledge and do something about
20 injustice in our society. There are

21 community development corporations that
22 work with neighbors and developers to

23 make sure that our city grows, but
24 doesn't lose their oldest residents in
25 the process of gentrification.

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2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR KENNEY: So to all those
4 Philadelphians and all the rest who have
5 entrusted me with this great
6 responsibility, thank you. Thank you
7 from the bottom of my heart. I promise
8 to serve you, to be accountable to you
9 and, most importantly, to listen and to
10 work with you so that we together as
11 Philadelphians can make every single
12 neighborhood in the City of Philadelphia
13 the best that it can be.

14 God bless you, and let's go to
15 work.

16 (Standing ovation.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Get
18 those pictures. Thank you. This is

19 going to be good.
20 Mr. Mayor, again,
21 congratulations.
22 I now --
23 (Applause.)
24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: I
25 now invite Reverend Terrence Griffith to

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2 offer a prayer for the City.
3 (Applause.)
4 REVEREND GRIFFITH: Let us
5 pray.
6 God of our weary years, God of
7 our silent tears, thou has brought us
8 thus far on our way. We come today, God,
9 on this auspicious occasion to say that
10 without you, this day would not be
11 possible. For this, we give you praise,
12 honor, and glory.
13 We pray, God, for our beloved
14 city, a city forged from the love of

15 liberty. And so we pray that every
16 citizen from gentrified South, affluent
17 Center City, to the poverty-ridden
18 corridors of West and North Philadelphia,
19 we will be equally liberated.

20 We pray, God, that love would
21 flow from heart to heart in the city
22 whose name sprung from the root of
23 brotherly love.

24 We pray that on every block and
25 on every street, each will be her

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2 sister's keeper and each man will be his
3 brother's friend.

4 We pray, God, for a city where
5 mothers and fathers will not have to
6 mourn for children shot down by stray or
7 intentional bullets. We pray for a city
8 where law enforcement and citizens are on
9 the same page in a city where justice
10 will roll down like waters and

11 righteousnes like a mighty stream.

12 Bless our city, Lord, and may

13 we act like the mother city of America.

14 And while I'm at it, God, I pray that you

15 give us a championship next year.

16 (Laughter.)

17 REVEREND GRIFFITH: Help us to

18 become that city where the tired and the

19 poor, the dispossessed and the immigrant

20 can find rest and relief. But ultimately

21 we are looking for a city whose builder

22 and maker is God, a city free of theme, a

23 city free of death, a city where there

24 will be one race, one creed, and one God.

25 Thank you, God. And we are

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2 careful to give you the praise, the

3 honor, and the glory.

4 In the name of Jesus, the

5 Christ, we pray.

6 Amen.

7 (Amen.)

8 (Applause.)

9 (The Girard Academic Music
10 Program Concert Choir performs.)

11 (Applause.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: How
13 about that, Girard Academic Music Choir.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: At
16 this time, the Chair invites the newly
17 elected officials to take the oath of
18 office in the presence of Council, the
19 Mayor, and other dignitaries. Would the
20 Judge of the Superior Court of
21 Pennsylvania please rise to take the oath
22 of office. The Clerk will read the
23 certificate of election for the Judge of
24 the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

25 Mr. Decker.

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Alice Beck Dubow,

3 at an election held --

4 (Applause.)

5 CHIEF CLERK: At an election

6 held November 3, 2015, you were duly

7 elected Judge of the Superior Court in

8 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a

9 ten-year term, commencing the first

10 Monday of January, AD 2016.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

12 Honorable Susan Gantman, President Judge

13 of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania,

14 will administer the oath of office.

15 (Oath of office administered.)

16 JUDGE GANTMAN:

17 Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Congratulations.

21 The Chair now invites the

22 Retention Judges of the Common Pleas

23 Court to please rise and take the oath of

24 office. The Clerk will read the

25 certificates of election for the Judges

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2 of the Court of Common Pleas.

3 CHIEF CLERK: Gwendolyn N.

4 Bright.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Glenn B. Bronson.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Ann M. Butchart.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Matthew D.

11 Carrafiello.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Amanda Cooperman.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Charles J.

16 Cunningham.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: Idee C. Fox.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHIEF CLERK: Marlene F.

21 Lachman.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHIEF CLERK: Patricia
24 McInerney.
25 (Applause.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Walter J.
3 Olszewski.
4 (Applause.)
5 CHIEF CLERK: Frank Palumbo.
6 (Applause.)
7 CHIEF CLERK: Lillian Harris
8 Ransom.
9 (Applause.)
10 CHIEF CLERK: Susan Schulman.
11 (Applause.)
12 CHIEF CLERK: Lisette
13 Shirdan-Harris.
14 (Applause.)
15 CHIEF CLERK: Leon W. Tucker.
16 (Applause.)
17 CHIEF CLERK: And John Milton
18 Younge.

19 (Applause.)
20 CHIEF CLERK: At an election
21 held November 3, 2015, you were duly
22 retained Judge of the Court of Common
23 Pleas of Philadelphia County for a
24 ten-year term, commencing the first
25 Monday of January, AD 2016.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
3 Thank you.
4 Judge Woods-Skipper will
5 administer the oath of office.
6 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Judges,
7 if you will place your Bibles in your
8 left hand and raise your right hands and
9 repeat after me.
10 (Oath of office administered.)
11 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:
12 Congratulations.
13 (Applause.)
14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

15 Thank you, and congratulations.
16 The Chair now invites the newly
17 elected Judges of the Common Pleas Court
18 to please rise and take the oath of
19 office. The Clerk will read the
20 certificates of elections for the Judges
21 of the Court of Common Pleas.
22 CHIEF CLERK: Scott DiClaudio.
23 (Applause.)
24 CHIEF CLERK: Michael Fanning.
25 (Applause.)

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2 CHIEF CLERK: Abbe Fletman.
3 (Applause.)
4 CHIEF CLERK: Daine Grey, Jr.
5 (Applause.)
6 CHIEF CLERK: Chris Mallios.
7 (Applause.)
8 CHIEF CLERK: Rainy
9 Papademetriou.
10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Ken Powell.
12 (Applause.)
13 CHIEF CLERK: Mia
14 Roberts-Perez.
15 (Applause.)
16 CHIEF CLERK: Tracy B. Roman.
17 (Applause.)
18 CHIEF CLERK: Stephanie M.
19 Sawyer.
20 (Applause.)
21 CHIEF CLERK: Kai Scott.
22 (Applause.)
23 CHIEF CLERK: Lyriss Younge.
24 (Applause.)
25 CHIEF CLERK: At an election

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2 held November 3, 2015, you were duly
3 elected Judge of the Court of Common
4 Pleas of Philadelphia County for a
5 ten-year term, commencing the first
6 Monday of January, AD 2016.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Thank you, and congratulations. Judge

9 Woods-Skipper will administer the oath of

10 office.

11 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Judges

12 will hold your Bibles in your left and

13 raise your right hand and repeat after

14 me.

15 (Oath of office administered.)

16 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:

17 Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Congratulations.

21 The Chair now invites the

22 Retention Judges of the Municipal Court

23 of Philadelphia to stand and take the

24 oath of office. The Clerk will please

25 read the certificates of election for the

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2 Retention Judges of the Municipal Court

3 of Philadelphia.

4 CHIEF CLERK: Frank T. Brady.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHIEF CLERK: Pat Dugan.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHIEF CLERK: Barbara S.

9 Gilbert.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHIEF CLERK: Charles Hayden.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHIEF CLERK: Gerard A.

14 Kosinski.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHIEF CLERK: Marsha H.

17 Neifield.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHIEF CLERK: Dawn A. Segal.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHIEF CLERK: And Craig M.

22 Washington.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHIEF CLERK: At an election

25 held November 3, 2015, you were duly

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2 retained Judge of the Municipal Court of
3 Philadelphia County for a six-year term,
4 commencing the first Monday of January,
5 AD 2016.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Congratulations. Before the Retention
8 Judges are sworn, the Honorable
9 Woods-Skipper will administer the oath of
10 office to the Honorable Marsha Neifield.

11 (Oath of office administered.)

12 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:
13 Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Now
16 the Honorable Marsha Neifield, President
17 Judge of the Municipal Court, will now
18 administer the oath of office to the
19 remaining Retention Judges of the
20 Municipal Court.

21 (Oath of office administered.)

22 JUDGE NEIFIELD:
23 Congratulations.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Congratulations.

3 The Chair now invites the newly
4 elected Judges of the Municipal Court of
5 Philadelphia to stand and take the oath
6 of office. The Clerk will please read
7 the certificates of election for the
8 newly elected Judges of the Municipal
9 Court of Philadelphia.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Christine Hope.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHIEF CLERK: Joffie C.
13 Pittman.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHIEF CLERK: Sharon
16 Williams-Losier.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHIEF CLERK: At an election
19 held November 3, 2015, you were duly

20 elected Judge of the Municipal Court of
21 Philadelphia County for a six-year term,
22 commencing the first Monday of January,
23 AD 2016.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Judge Neifield will now administer the

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2 oath of office.

3 JUDGE NEIFIELD: Place your

4 Bibles in your left hand and raise your

5 right hand.

6 (Oath of office administered.)

7 JUDGE NEIFIELD:

8 Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 Congratulations.

12 The Chair now invites the City

13 Commissioners to stand as their names are

14 called. They are Anthony Clark, Lisa M.

15 Deeley, and Al Schmidt.

16 (Applause.)
17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
18 Chief Clerk will now read the
19 certificates of election for the City
20 Commissioners.
21 CHIEF CLERK: Anthony Clark.
22 (Applause.)
23 CHIEF CLERK: Lisa M. Deeley.
24 (Applause.)
25 CHIEF CLERK: And Al Schmidt.

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2 (Applause.)
3 CHIEF CLERK: At an election
4 held November 3, 2015, you were duly
5 elected City Commissioners of the City
6 and County of Philadelphia for a term of
7 four years, commencing the first Monday
8 of January, AD 2016.
9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Thank you.
11 Judge Woods-Skipper will

12 administer the oath of office.

13 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: If you

14 will place your left hand on your Bible,

15 hold it in your left hand, and raise your

16 right hand and repeat after me.

17 (Oath of office administered.)

18 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:

19 Congratulations.

20 (Applause.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Lisa, you have some pretty excited fans

23 here.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you. The Chair invites the newly

3 elected Sheriff of the City of

4 Philadelphia, Jewell Williams, to stand

5 and take the oath of office.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 Mr. Decker, please read the certificate
9 of election for the Sheriff.

10 CHIEF CLERK: Jewell Williams,
11 at an election held November 3, 2015, you
12 were duly elected Sheriff of the City and
13 County of Philadelphia for a term of four
14 years, commencing the first Monday of
15 January, AD 2016.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
17 Judge Woods-Skipper.

18 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Sheriff,
19 you will place your left hand on the
20 Bible and raise your right hand and
21 repeat after me.

22 (Oath of office administered.)

23 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:
24 Congratulations.

25 (Applause.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Congratulations, Sheriff.

4 The Chair now invites Ronald R.
5 Donatucci, Register of Wills, to stand to
6 take the oath of office.

7 Mr. Decker, please read the
8 certificate of election.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHIEF CLERK: Ronald R.
11 Donatucci, at an election held November
12 3, 2015, you were duly elected Register
13 of Wills of the City and County of
14 Philadelphia for a term of four years,
15 commencing the first Monday of January,
16 AD 2016.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
18 Judge Woods-Skipper will administer the
19 oath of office.

20 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER: Place
21 your left hand on the Bible and raise
22 your right hand and repeat after me.

23 (Oath of office administered.)

24 JUDGE WOODS-SKIPPER:
25 Congratulations.

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2 (Applause.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Congratulations. Democracy, you got to

5 love it in the United States of America.

6 For our final musical selection

7 today, the Girard Academic Music Program

8 Concert Choir will perform "You Raise Me

9 Up."

10 (The Girard Academic Music

11 Program Concert Choir performs.)

12 (Standing ovation.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

14 Thank you. That was truly lovely.

15 As we conclude the ceremony, I

16 want to thank the Inaugural Committee for

17 their hard work for today's ceremony. I

18 also want to thank our clergy members for

19 being with us and offering their

20 prayers -- and Lord knows, we need

21 prayer -- for us and for our city.

22 The Chair now invites Rabbi

23 Jill Maderer to give a final benediction.

24 And I'd ask that all members and guests
25 please stand.

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2 (All members and guests rise.)

3 RABBI MADERER: Today, we who
4 call God many different names and we who
5 choose not to call to God at all, we
6 Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu,
7 Buddhist, Philadelphians of diverse
8 neighborhoods, races, sexual
9 orientations, and languages, today we do
10 not take for granted this peaceful
11 transfer of power we call democracy.

12 Grateful for the past leaders
13 who have renewed our city and for the
14 incoming leaders who are dedicated to the
15 promise of our city's future, we rejoice
16 in a Philadelphia whose murals open our
17 hearts, whose culture stimulates our
18 minds, whose food delights our palate,
19 whose diversity inspires our souls, and

20 whose history deepens our roots.
21 This week the Jewish community
22 read in our sacred text the story of
23 Moses' call to leadership. Tending the
24 flock in the wilderness, Moses notices
25 the bush that burns, but is not consumed.

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2 When Moses sees that he is standing on
3 holy ground, God charges him to lead the
4 Israelites, saying, "Now go, I am sending
5 you." Humble yet courageous, strong yet
6 compassionate, sensitive yet visionary,
7 Moses heeds the call. He cares for and
8 empowers the poor, uplifts the degraded,
9 and sees dignity in the eyes of every
10 human being.
11 Holy One of Blessing, as we go
12 forth from this investiture, we ask your
13 blessing on Mayor Kenney, Council
14 President Clarke, our Councilpersons,
15 City Commissioners, Sheriff, Register of

16 Wills, and members of the Judiciary. As
17 they dedicate themselves to lead our
18 city, to solve our common problems, and
19 to lift up all Philadelphians, God, we
20 ask you to fortify and inspire our
21 leaders with humility and courage,
22 strength and compassion, sensitivity and
23 vision that they may care for and empower
24 the poor, uplift the degraded, and see
25 dignity in the eyes of every human being.

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2 Ignite within our leaders
3 fires, fires for justice and for mercy.
4 Ignite within them fires that burn, but
5 are not consumed, that their actions may
6 bear witness to the holy ground on which
7 we all stand.

8 Amen.

9 (Amen.)

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

12 Thank you all very much. We have one
13 last bit of housekeeping. I would ask
14 that our good Councilwoman, Councilwoman
15 Reynolds Brown, make a motion for
16 adjournment.

17 Okay. Different scripts. Give
18 me your script, Councilman.

19 It's all good.

20 May we please remain standing
21 as the Philadelphia Police and Fire
22 Departments and Prison Guards now remove
23 the colors.

24 (The removal of colors.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you to Philadelphia's finest.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

5 Would our visitors and guests please take
6 your seat for the conclusion of our
7 Council session.

8 The Chair now recognizes
9 Councilwoman Reynolds Brown.
10 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
11 Mr. President. I move that City Council
12 stand adjourned until Thursday, January
13 21st, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
14 (Duly seconded.)
15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
16 Thank you. It has been moved and
17 properly seconded that the Council stand
18 adjourned until Thursday, January 21st,
19 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
20 All those in favor say aye.
21 (Aye.)
22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Those opposed?
24 (No response.)
25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The

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2 ayes have it, and this Council stands
3 adjourned until Thursday, January 21st,

4 2016, 10:00 a.m.

5 Thank you all very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 (Stated Meeting adjourned at

8 11:45 a.m.)

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