

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee to hold hearings on ensuring Recreation Centers have the full complement of staff needed to respond to the diverse challenges of Philadelphia neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, Decades of disinvestment and underfunding leave many recreation centers lacking adequate resources and services needed to create a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, Fully staffed and funded recreation centers can serve as the lynchpin for community transformation; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Centers can be equipped and staffed to serve as community hubs and systems to address trauma, mental health, and at-risk youths all within a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, Social workers can provide their community with counseling and guidance, help at-risk youth, and be a bridge between communities and external and internal services; and

WHEREAS, Recreational therapists can assist with both physical and mental health by facilitating physical activity, social interaction, and community building; and

WHEREAS, Municipal guards will make sure that the recreation centers and parks are safe environments for everyone and assist with avoiding and resolving conflict; and

WHEREAS, Through holistic community-facing policy can the City of Philadelphia adequately create a safe environment in our parks with recreation centers that have the resources to assist children, youth, and all members of the community, thus, City Council authorizes the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee to hold hearings to ensure Recreation Centers are equipped to respond to the diverse challenges of Philadelphia neighborhoods; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby authorizes the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs committee to hold hearings on ensuring Recreation Centers have the full complement of staff needed to respond to the diverse challenges of Philadelphia neighborhoods.