

Legislation Text

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Calling on private and public enterprises who employ screen, stage, television, radio, sound recording and new media employees should endeavor wherever possible to meet with and enter into agreements with Actors Equity, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild and other unions and organizations that represent artists in Philadelphia, for the purpose of creating and maintaining a professional community within Philadelphia for the benefit of its citizenry.

WHEREAS, Philadelphia has a rich and vibrant arts community; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia corporations and advertising companies have the potential to create additional jobs through a commitment to producing their projects within our City because the benefits of generating local activity include not only economic factors but also the availability of top-tier talent; and

WHEREAS, The stability and diversity of this talent depends upon employment opportunities that provide living wages, health care benefits, and retirement benefits; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia benefits from a professional community of dedicated artists who can support and sustain themselves and their work; and

WHEREAS, The presence of a professional community attracts and retains theatrical and commercial artistic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Actors' Equity Association, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and Screen Actors Guild, among other labor organizations, represent the interest of professional screen, stage, television, radio, sound recording and new media employees; and

WHEREAS, Equity, AFTRA and SAG endeavor to create and expand job opportunities for their members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That private and public enterprises who employ screen, stage, television, radio, sound recording and new media employees should endeavor wherever possible to meet with and enter into agreements with Actors Equity, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild and other unions and organizations that represent artists in Philadelphia, for the purpose of creating and maintaining a professional community within Philadelphia for the benefit of its citizenry.