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Authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold hearings to examine the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative contracts awarded to LP Group 2 from 2004 to 2006.

WHEREAS, LP Group 2 was awarded contracts by the City of Philadelphia for Neighborhood Transformation Initiative (NTI) projects between 2004 and 2006. According to the Labor Standards Unit, employees of LP Group 2 who worked on said projects were not paid prevailing wages. At the time, the company employed many ex-offenders who had difficulty obtaining employment, and the committee will investigate whether the employees were unfairly treated due to this status; and

WHEREAS, LP Group 2 was officially cited by the City's Labor Standards Unit for violations of prevailing wage laws, and yet the City continued to pay LP Group 2, as stated on the record by City Solicitor Shelley Smith at a public hearing of the Committee of the Whole on April 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The unpaid employees of LP Group 2 deserve to be compensated for their work on NTI projects. As such, the committee seeks to determine whether the employees of LP Group 2 were paid prevailing wages; will examine why the City of Philadelphia continued to pay LP Group despite the prevailing wage violations issued to them by the Labor Standards Unit; and will determine how the unpaid LP Group 2 employees can be compensated for their work on the NTI projects in question; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the Committee on Labor and Civil Service is hereby authorized to hold public hearings to examine the Neighborhood Transformation Initiative contracts awarded to LP Group 2 from 2004 to 2006.