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Congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on their National Football Conference Championship Win, and Challenging the City Council of Kansas City to a bet that the Eagles will beat the Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII.

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2023, the Philadelphia Eagles took a commanding lead during the first quarter of the National Football Conference (NFC) Championship Game, and defeated the San Francisco 49ers with a 31-7 win, and

WHEREAS, The Eagles had immense success during the 2022 Season with a dominating 16 wins on their way to the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles Head Coach, Nick Sirianni, was hired in 2021, and took his team to the first round of the playoffs during his first season. In 2022, Sirianni's passion and determination led him and the Eagles to a 14-3 W/L record during the regular season, resounding wins in the play-offs, an NFC Championship, and a trip to State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona for the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Eagles Quarterback, Jalen Hurts, has been with the team since 2020 and became their starter towards the end of his rookie year. Jalen led the team to the playoffs during the 2021 season and was instrumental in their current championship run. This season, Hurts suffered a painful shoulder injury during a game against the Chicago Bears, but he did not let that stop him. He triumphantly returned during the final game of the regular season to defeat the Giants 23-16 to clinch the No.1 seed in the NFC. During the 2022 season, Hurts passed for 3,701 yards and threw 22 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Eagles Center, Jason Kelce, had a dominating season in 2022. From his position on the offensive line, Kelce allowed zero sacks during the entire season. Kelce has played for the Eagles since 2011, and in that time, he has consecutively started in 139 regular season games. In addition, Kelce is remembered for giving one of the most legendary speeches in Philadelphia sports history from the steps of the art museum during the Super Bowl LII victory parade; and

WHEREAS, The success of Philadelphia's sports teams, and the Eagles in particular, never fail to unify the City. After the Eagles win in the NFC Championship, Philadelphian's of all ages gathered on Broad and Market Streets in Center City and at the intersection of Frankford and Cottman Avenues to celebrate the Eagle's return to the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 season has been especially successful for Philadelphia sports teams. The Philadelphia Phillies went to the 2022 World Series, and the Philadelphia Union competed in the 2022 MLS Cup. In addition, Super Bowl LVII will be the Eagles fourth trip to the Super Bowl since the founding of the franchise; and

WHEREAS, Super Bowl LVII is featuring numerous exciting firsts. This will be the first Super Bowl in history where two brothers will face off on opposing teams. This is also the first time that two black quarterbacks will compete against each other; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Philadelphia hereby challenges the City Council of Kansas City, Missouri to a bet on the outcome of Super Bowl LVII. The losing City Council will make a donation to a charity of the winner's choosing. Kansas City has requested a donation to Travis Kelce's foundation, 87 & Running. When the Eagles defeat the Chiefs in this year's game, The City Council of Kansas City will make a donation to the Eagles Autism Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Eagles dominating NFC Championship Win, and their trip to Super Bowl LVII should be forever honored and commemorated. The Council of the City of Philadelphia wishes the Philadelphia Eagles the best of luck in the Super Bowl and looks forward to a resounding win and victory parade. Go Birds!; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby congratulates the Philadelphia Eagles on their National Football Conference Championship Win, and challenges the City Council of Kansas City to a bet that the Eagles will beat the Chiefs in Super Bowl LVII.