

## Legislation Text

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Proposing an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission; and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; and

WHEREAS, As Philadelphia continues to grow, our City needs to be at the cutting edge of innovative ways and means to reinvest in our neighborhoods, grow our economy and create jobs for all of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, In other municipalities across the United States, there are models of innovative public-private-philanthropic partnerships to provide more capital for reinvestment in their communities; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that the public sector can play an important role in forging multi-sector partnerships and developing new strategies for coordinating investments to benefit Philadelphia's communities; and

WHEREAS, By establishing the Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission the City can replicate and build upon successful models by bringing together banks, foundations, anchor institutions and Community Development Financial Institutions to identify opportunities for private, public and philanthropic entities to collaborate and leverage their resources for the public good; and

WHEREAS, Council previously considered, and adopted on February 23, 2017 following a public hearing, Resolution No. 160902, and now wishes to make certain technical changes to that Resolution by adopting this Resolution, which provides for the same amendment in substance to the Home Rule Charter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the following amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter deleted by these amendments.  
***Bold italics*** indicates matter added by these amendments.

### ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - ORGANIZATION

#### CHAPTER 1

OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

§3-100. Executive and Administrative Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions and Agencies Designated.

The executive and administrative work of the City shall be performed by:

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(f) The following departmental boards and commissions, which are either created or placed, as the case may be, in the respective departments, as follows:

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In the Department of Planning and Development:

- City Planning Commission;
- Historical Commission;
- Art Commission;
- Zoning Board of Adjustment;
- Housing Advisory ~~Board~~ **Board**;
- Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission.**

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CHAPTER 9  
DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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**§ 3-920. Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission.**

**(a) Composition.** *The Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members, selected as follows, provided that Council may from time to time provide by ordinance for a different composition or method of appointment:*

**(1)** *Twelve (12) members appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of a majority of all the members of the Council. The appointed members shall include at least one representative from each of the following seven categories: Depositories authorized to hold City moneys; community development financial institutions located in Philadelphia; private foundations; educational and/or medical institutions; City-wide community development and/or anti-poverty organizations; City-wide business associations; and labor organizations.*

**(2)** *Three members appointed by the Council from among its members or their designees;*

**(3)** *The President of Council or his or her designee; and*

*(4) The Director of Finance, the Director of Commerce, the Director of Planning and Development, the City Treasurer, and an administrative officer, designated by the Mayor, who is charged with oversight of anti-poverty and community development issues, or their designees.*

*(b) Terms of Service and Vacancies. Appointed members on the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. Vacancies among the appointed positions shall be filled by the appointing authority who originally appointed the member whose seat has become vacant.*

*(c) Compensation. Members of the Commission shall not be compensated for their service.*

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ARTICLE IV

EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH - POWERS AND DUTIES

The Mayor, The City Representative and Departments, Boards and Commissions under the Mayor

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CHAPTER 6

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
AND ITS DEPARTMENTAL BOARDS *AND COMMISSIONS*

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*§4-609. Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission.*

*(a) The Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission shall develop and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council concerning coordinated community reinvestment strategies for the City of Philadelphia. Such strategies shall identify opportunities for private, public, and philanthropic entities to collaborate and leverage their resources for the public good. To that end, the Commission shall regularly review best practices and develop strategies to apply and enhance those practices for the benefit of the City and its residents. To execute its mission, the Commission is authorized to establish committees comprised of members of the Commission and others selected by the Commission because of their expertise.*

*(b) The Commission shall provide an annual report summarizing its activities and accomplishments to the Mayor and the Chief Clerk of Council no later than September 1 of each year, beginning with the year 2018.*

*(c) The Commission shall perform such other duties, consistent with the mission of the Commission, as are conferred upon it by this Charter or by ordinance.*

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APPENDIX

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CHAPTER A-2

§ A-200. Schedule.

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*(15) The amendments to this Charter relating to the Philadelphia Community Reinvestment Commission shall take effect July 1, 2017.*