

Legislation Text

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Appointing Co-Chairs to the Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention, established pursuant to Resolution No. 190239 and authorized to hold hearings to propose and implement actionable policies and programs that substantively prevent and alleviate poverty in every Philadelphia neighborhood.

WHEREAS, On April 4, 2019, the Council of the City of Philadelphia, by a unanimous vote, adopted Resolution No. 190239, thereby authorizing the creation of the Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, The Resolution authorizes the Special Committee to propose and implement actionable policies and programs that substantively prevent and alleviate poverty in every Philadelphia neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, In furtherance of these goals, the Special Committee's duties shall include, but not be confined to: convening regular meetings for planning and coordination purposes; tracking the City's progress towards the implementation of actionable strategies and recommendations found in the "Narrowing the Gap" report; examining the efficacy of current programs and policies, identifying local and national best practices; engaging community leaders; increasing capacity for data collection and analysis; developing metrics to measure progress toward strategic goals; reviewing allocation of City resources to ensure optimization of results; and holding public hearings to highlight the Special Committee's progress and solicit public input; and

WHEREAS, To fulfill its mission, and building off a report issued by Council in March 2019, "Narrowing the Gap: Strategies to Alleviate and Prevent Poverty in Philadelphia," three Subcommittees will be established to focus on Housing, Jobs, and Education, and the Social Safety Net, with members of those committees to be designated in the near future; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Rules of Council and the Resolution, the Council President is authorized to appoint the Chairs of the Special Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Council President appoints the following members to the Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention to serve as Co-Chairs:

Councilmember Maria Quiñones-Sánchez (7th Councilmanic District)

Eva Gladstein, Deputy Managing Director of Health and Human Services for the City of Philadelphia

Sharmain Matlock-Turner, President and CEO of the Urban Affairs Coalition

Mel Wells, President and CEO of One Day At A Time, Inc. (ODAAT)