

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 060649)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Council Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings regarding the steadily increasing incidents of HIV/AIDS in the city of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Committee to seek advice and recommendations on how Philadelphia can develop policies to stem this HIV/AIDS epidemic especially in minority communities.

WHEREAS, Nationally the number of persons living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase significantly; and

WHEREAS, The African American community is disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS representing almost one half of the HIV/AIDS cases but only 13% of the population; and

WHEREAS, AIDS has become the second leading cause of death for all African Americans between the ages of 35-44 and the leading cause of death in African American women between the ages of 25-34 ; and

WHEREAS, These trends explain the rise in African American children being born with HIV; and

WHEREAS, African Americans represent 66% of all HIV/AIDS cases in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, African American males represent 63% of all the HIV/AIDS cases among males in the city of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, African American women make up 76% of all the HIV/AIDS cases among women in the city of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, African American children, age 12 or younger, represent 78% of the HIV/AIDS cases in that age group in the City of Philadelphia; and

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WHEREAS, African American teens, age 13 to 19 represent 79% of the HIV/AIDS cases in that age group in the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Nationally and in Philadelphia not all persons with HIV have been tested, diagnosed and reported; and

WHEREAS, The increasing prevalence of persons with HIV/AIDS is challenging our economy and city services in providing medical, prevention and social services for those affected; and

WHEREAS, There is a clear need for culturally appropriate strategies to address the disparities in HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, In the third decade of the HIV epidemic, innovative approaches to prevention are needed; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Committee on Public Health and Human Services hold hearings regarding the steadily increasing incidents of HIV/AIDS in the City of Philadelphia and further authorizing the Committee to seek advice and recommendations on how Philadelphia can develop policies to stem this HIV/AIDS epidemic especially in minority communities.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth of September, 2006.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Tasco

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Tasco, DiCicco, Ramos, Goode, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Council President Verna, Councilmembers Rizzo, Kelly, Clarke, Blackwell, Krajewski, Kenney and O'Neill