



**The Committee of Seventy's**

**ETHICS AGENDA**

**PHILADELPHIA CITY COUNCIL**

The Committee of Seventy issued Council candidates (both incumbents and challengers) a copy of its 2007 Ethics Agenda and asked for a response to each specific reform.

As of October 29th, the following candidates offered their full support for all 22 reforms:

- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Maria Quinones-Sanchez (D-7th)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)

As of October 29th, the following candidates offered their partial or qualified support for the reforms:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- David Oh (R-AL)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)

As of October 29th, Seventy had not yet heard from the following candidates:

- William Black (R-2nd)
- Jannie Blackwell (D-3rd)
- Rev. Jesse Brown (JBP-8th)
- Darrell Clarke (D-5th)
- Michael Ebsworth (R-6th)
- Jim Foster (I-8th)

- W. Wilson Goode, Jr. (D-AL)
- Keith Hairston, Sr. (R-3rd)
- Osborne Hart (SWP-AL)
- Melvin Johnakin (R-4th)
- James Kenney (D-AL)
- Phil Kerwick (R-AL)
- Donna Reed Miller (D-8th)
- Luis Pineda (I-7th)
- Jacinth Brown Roberts (G-AL)
- Marian Tasco (D-9th)

See below for the candidates' specific responses to each reform. An asterisk\* indicates the candidate provided explanatory comments. Seventy will continue to update this page as we hear from the candidates.

## **Expanded Comments from City Council**

### **District and At-Large Candidates**

*With the municipal elections well underway, bills have been introduced in Philadelphia City Council that would effectively dismantle the city's campaign finance system for the mayoral candidates. There is growing concern that passage of these bills will resuscitate pay-to-play in Philadelphia.*

**1. I will oppose any bill that seeks to remove or weaken the existing campaign contribution limits for the 2007 mayoral candidates -- or for the 2007 City Council candidates in the event such a bill is introduced.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- William Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- David Oh (R-AL)\*
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*
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- Maria Quinones-Sanchez (D-7th)
- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)

- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

4	Curtis Jones (D)	I was one of the City Council candidates leading the fight against the recent Kenney bill designed to lift caps on campaign contributions. I wrote a letter to my Councilwoman and took part in the press conference objecting to what I considered a regressive idea.
6	Joan L. Krajewski (D)	I agree to oppose any bill as it pertains to the 2007 primary and general election.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	To weaken our existing campaign finance laws at this time is a step in the wrong direction.
AL	David Oh (R)	I agree in general, however, I would go further. Limiting the amount of the contribution does not go far enough in addressing the concern. Wealthy individuals can spend unlimited amounts of money on their campaign. This type of system favors the wealthy and encourages a new type of dishonesty.

**2. I will support a comprehensive review of the campaign finance system after the November election by calling upon the next mayor to convene an independent panel to examine all current laws on campaign contributions and spending and to consider national best practices in regulating campaign finance, including the possibility of public financing, and to make reform recommendations to the mayor, City Council and the Board of Ethics.**

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- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
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- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
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- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
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4	Curtis Jones (D)	I will support public financing in order to ensure a level playing field for candidates with means and those without. In a system that often revolves around the contributions of a few wealthy interests, candidates have a disincentive to seek support from a broad spectrum
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		of communities and individuals, including the poor, underprivileged, and underserved.
7	Maria Quinones Sanchez (D)	I will support a comprehensive review of the campaign finance system. I will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation for public financing of city campaigns.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Yes, I can support a review of the system with an independent panel.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Clean elections and public financing are working in a number of states and municipalities. The Maine model for Clean Elections is certainly worthy of evaluating.

*Public officials sometimes hire or appoint members of their immediate family to work directly for them or recommend members of their immediate family for other paid or appointed positions in city government.*

### **3. I will support the enactment of legislation that forbids nepotism in City Council and in other City departments, agencies and commissions.**

Support:

- Bill Green (D-AL)
- William Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*
- Maria Quinones Sanchez (D-7th)
- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Disagreement:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)\*
- David Oh (R-AL)\*
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)\*
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I disagree. The fact that someone maybe related by blood or by marriage does not mean that the individual is not the most qualified for the position in question. I will not support legislation to forbid nepotism. However, I do think it is reasonable to make these relations public knowledge. I would strongly support legislation that clearly
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		identifies familial relations in the hiring and appointing process.
2	Anna Verna (D)	While I personally would not hire a member of my immediate family, I do not believe legislation would be appropriate.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	No. While it is true that the hiring of unqualified personnel is a problem, I do not support this legislation because it forbids some highly qualified individuals who come from families involved in public service. I do not think being a relative of a public servant should qualify or disqualify a potential city worker I would support an effort to involve and empower the Board of Ethics in deciding whether or not an individual was hired appropriately.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I support enactment of this legislation as it pertains to immediate family.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	No. Not allowing highly qualified individuals to serve in government due to their family relationships is not in the best interest of the citizens of Philadelphia.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Philadelphia should be a meritocracy. The citizens of Philadelphia deserve a city government that values ability above political patronage.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I agree as to immediate family members.
AL	David Oh (R)	I disagree. I believe that the best qualified individual should be hired or appointed. Many times, the desire and ability to serve the public is shared by family members and the friends they make. For example, President John F. Kennedy appointed his brother Robert F. Kennedy to serve as the Attorney General. I think it better to ensure that the hiring and appointment of city employees is based on merit by making the process transparent and objective. I will support legislation which ends the hiring of unqualified individuals simply because they are related to or favored by a powerful elected official, appointee or supervisor.

**4. I will not personally hire or appoint a member of my immediate family (spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling or child), or recommend the hiring or appointment of a member of my immediate family by any other person, department, board, commission, agency or authority of City government.**

Support:

- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)\*
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)

- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
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- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Disagreement:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- David Oh\*

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree. However, I will admit that a member of my immediate family has been appointed by other officials to various boards. Note that these appointments were not made at my suggestion or recommendation. Further, I currently employ members of my extended family; their job performance has always met or exceeded expectations.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. I will not recommend or hire members of my immediate family. However, being a relative should not automatically disqualify an applicant who is otherwise qualified to fill a position in city government.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	No. (See above.)
AL	David Oh (R)	I disagree. I will hire or appoint the best and most qualified person for the job regardless of race, religion, disability, gender, age, ethnic origin, or sexual preference. I will neither favor nor disfavor a candidate based purely on their relationship to, or friendship with, me. I will support legislation which penalizes elected officials, appointees or supervisors who hire or recommend for hiring, immediate family members who are not among the best qualified candidates for the position.

*The city's ten council districts are sometimes described as individual fiefdoms, in part because of district council members' de facto veto power over development and other projects in their home districts.*

**5. I will support the adoption of a set of ground rules to balance the absolute control of Council members over development and other projects in their home districts with the best interests of the City as a whole.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*

- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
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1	Frank DiCicco (D)	<p>I agree in principal but would require seeing said rules prior to offering full support. Recently, I ushered zoning reform through City Council and repeatedly stated that I should not have as much control as a District Councilperson as I currently have. However, every District Councilperson knows the needs and concerns of their district better than the other members of Council. Therefore I don't think there is an appropriate black and white answer.</p> <p>For example, Councilman Longstreth's introduction of a bill to permit IKEA to move forward in South Philadelphia was inappropriate. While the project may have been best for the city as a whole, it did not include the appropriate protections for near neighbors, the port and others. As the District Councilman, I knew those concerns and the intricacies of the neighbors better than others.</p> <p>Having said that, a new zoning code would most likely remove me completely from the approval processes, giving residents a say at the front end of the process (i.e., rewriting the code and remapping), rather than at the back end.</p>
1	Mike Seidenberg (R)	<p>Adopting such a set of ground rules will likely lead to a city government that is less responsive to the people, not more. Districting is an important aspect of representative government and the adoption of any ground rules in advance of any particular legislation would result in ceding legislative leverage that might otherwise be used to better represent or even protect the residents of a Council member's</p>

		<p>district.</p> <p>Furthermore, I question whether holding such leverage is actually unethical. The other reforms on the Agenda correctly address situations that could possibly lead to real conflicts of interest for an elected official. The higher degree of control a Council member has over projects in his or her own district is a natural result of dividing the City into council districts. I do not believe a conflict of interest is possible as long as Council members properly represent their constituents in any matter before them. If that reduces the likelihood a project being approved, then so be it.</p> <p>In the end, the people of this city are better served by dialogue, persuasion, and negotiation than by a set of pre-established ground rules that will likely limit the ability of their elected officials to fully represent them.</p>
2	Anna Verna (D)	I believe, in general, all Council members seek to serve the best interests of the City as a whole. However, I still believe the District Council members are in the best possible position to understand the needs of their district.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. The welfare of the city as a whole and what is in my district is my concern as a council person. While it is important to represent the interests of the constituents of my district, I do not think it is appropriate to do so to the detriment of the city as a whole. Members of City Council should advocate for creative community coalitions and create opportunities regardless of their political self interest.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I strongly disagree with this statement. District Council members are elected by their constituents to act in their best interests. District Council members have an intimate knowledge of the neighborhoods in their district, the civic associations, business groups, etc. It is in the best interests of the constituents that district council members have direct control over development, zoning and other projects in the district.
7	Gary Grisafi (R)	The people of a particular district elected their councilperson to fight for their neighborhood. For example: a councilperson in West Phila. should not have a say in what goes on in Northeast Philadelphia.
7	Maria Quinones Sanchez (D)	I will support the adoption of a set of ground rules to balance the absolute control of Council members over development and projects in their home districts with the best interest of the city as a whole. I will also urge the reforming of the Zoning code and work with the planning commission to ensure that we develop neighborhood plans throughout the 7th district so that residents can work to develop projects as opposed to wasting time opposing projects.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	It depends on how the rules are drafted. It is something I could potentially support but would need further detail. District

		Councilmembers must retain a significant say and their views should not be taken lightly or easily dismissed.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	The city's ten council districts are sometimes described as individual fiefdoms, in part because of district council members' de facto veto power over development and other projects in their home districts. In general, the City's Zoning Code needs to be rewritten consistent with a master plan for the City. We have far too many zoning districts and the process is too complicated. Chicago has an online permitting process we should look at. Consistency and efficiency in the process are necessary to spur economic development and investment. However, the new zoning laws and master plan should pursue contextual zoning that maintains quality of life in our neighborhoods. These goals are undermined when our City's ten District Council Members exercise de facto veto power over development in their home districts.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I agree that District Council members should not have absolute control over development. However, District Council members are elected to represent the interests of their constituents and must be permitted to do so, subject to ethical constraints.

*City Council members are permitted to hold second jobs, without regard to whether their private employers either do business with the city or hope to obtain city business.*

**6. I will support the enactment of legislation that prohibits members of City Council and other elected officials from holding positions with, or owning any interest in, a company or firm that does, or might seek to do, business with the city. The prohibition should not apply to teaching at educational institutions.**

Support:

- Bill Green (D-AL)\*
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- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
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Disagreement:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*

- Jack Kelly (R-AL)\*
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
- David Oh (R-AL)\*
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)\*
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)\*

2	Anna Verna (D)	The current conflict of interest rules are sufficient so #6 is not necessary.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	I agree that elected officials in order to avoid conflicts of interest—real or perceived--should avoid having personal financial interest in the city's business.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I agree to the extent that the prohibition should only to apply to companies or firms that currently do business with the city. Further discussion and hearings need to be held to create guidelines dealing with businesses that may seek to do business with the city at a future date.
10	Brian O'Neill (R)	I support the enactment of legislation that prohibits members of City Council from owning any business that does business with the city or intends to do business with the city. I believe that Council members who are employed on a part-time basis should never be involved in obtaining city business for that Council member's employer.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	No. Limiting members from participating in company that "might seek to do business with the City" is too restrictive. Almost any firm or company could fall under that description.
AL	Jack Kelly (R)	I do not support the enactment of legislation that prohibits members of City Council and other elected officials from holding positions with, or owning any interest in, a company or firm that does, or might seek to do, business with the city. I believe that it is the ethical responsibility of Council members to recuse themselves from voting on any legislation that affects, directly or indirectly, the company or firm with which that member is associated.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I believe that such a blanket prohibition may keep qualified and desirable individuals from seeking office. For instance, a member of City Council may hold a position with a large firm, but obtain no financial benefit from completely unrelated business with the City. City Council members have an ethical obligation to recuse themselves from voting on any legislation which might impact any company or firm with which they are affiliated. I would support more narrow legislation to address specific concerns.
AL	David Oh (R)	I disagree. I believe this will discourage many excellent and innovative people who would like to devote a period of time to public service. Our City has benefited greatly from the

		abilities of private sector leaders who have worked on a part-time or temporary basis. This has included officers and employees of corporations which do business with the City. Their understanding of, and connections within, Philadelphia's government has also helped their private employers become more competitive and productive. David L. Cohen, Executive Vice President of Comcast and former Chief of Staff to Mayor Ed Rendell is an example of this type of combined leadership that has helped our City in both the public and private sectors. I will support legislation which enforces "conflict of interest" standards and requires disclosure and transparency. I believe the federal standard is a good model for us to follow.
AL	Bill Green (D)	Public officials should not hire or recommend to the City any business in which he or she has a financial stake as an employee or owner. The ethics board should require full disclosure.

*There is no ethics law that deals with a public official negotiating for future employment with a private company that does business with the City, according to the Board of Ethics.*

**7. I will support legislation that places reasonable and well-articulated regulations on public officials who seek future outside employment while still on the City's payroll.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)\*
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- David Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
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Disagreement:

- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)\*

- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	It would depend on what those “reasonable and well-articulated” regulations might be. Fully disclosure – I am a licensed real estate agent. Never has that work interfered with my duties and responsibilities as a City Councilman.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	I would support limits on the legal right of city employees to negotiate for future employment with a company doing business with the city provided that the employee was in a position to influence the relationship between the city and the company in question.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I disagree with this statement and would not support this legislation. “Reasonable and well articulated” is vague, as is the term “public official”. Non-government employees often seek new employment while working their old job. Why should we restrict city employees? Further discussion needed on this issue.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Yes, I could support that depending on the specifics.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	According to the Board of Ethics, there is currently no ethics law that deals with a public official negotiating for future employment with a private company that does business with the City.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I have reservations about this proposal without further definition of “reasonable and well-articulated”. Most individuals seek future employment while still employed so as not to be unemployed when their current position ends. Any such legislation needs to be carefully crafted to address the particular abuse sought to be remedied by it.
AL	Bill Green (D)	Yes. According to the Board of Ethics, there is currently no ethics law that deals with a public official negotiating for future employment with a private company that does business with the City.

*The timing of a special election to fill a vacancy on City Council is left to the discretion of the President of City Council. This leaves open the possibility of one or more vacancies remaining unfilled for long periods of time, thereby undermining the effectiveness of the legislative process and leaving constituents unrepresented.*

**8. I will support amending the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to provide clear and non-discretionary rules for scheduling a special election to fill a vacancy on City Council.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*

- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
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- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
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- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Disagreement:

- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*

4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. I am from the Fourth Councilmanic district and know first hand the trauma that is caused and very real price that constituents pay when Council fails to act in a timely fashion, placing the voters need for representation above, political interests of Council.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I would not support such an amendment. The power to determine if/when special election should remain with the President of City Council.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Yes, again depending on what the rules are. I have not had any issue with the current process and the current President's handling of such matters but I would be certainly open to examining the issue.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	The timing of a special election to fill a vacancy on City Council is left to the discretion of the President of City Council. This leaves open the possibility of one or more vacancies remaining unfilled for long periods of time, thereby undermining the effectiveness of the legislative process and leaving constituents unrepresented. In addition, there needs to be a more open process for filling vacancies on the City Council.

*Many people complain that Council meetings are inhospitable to citizens, characterized by members talking on cell phones, walking in and out of the room and, on occasion, marked by displays of unruly behavior and open hostility among members.*

**9. I will nurture a culture that treats all individuals coming before Council with dignity and respect and that demands civility among all members of Council and their staffs.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
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1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree; however, it would be disingenuous to promise that I will never make calls or hold other conversations during Committee hearings, if and when it is necessary to serve the needs of my constituents.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. Councilmembers are PUBLIC SERVANTS and as such, are employees of the voters. Council should strive to maintain dignity and decorum that the honor of public office represents. Even in the height of debate and heartfelt disagreements, Council must resolve to settle disputes and conflicts with open dialogue and a civil democratic process.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I have always have acted in a professional manner, and will continue to do so in the future.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Our entire City government needs to adopt a better customer service attitude. This shift must start with the next Mayor and City Council. Too many people complain that Council meetings are inhospitable to citizens, characterized by members talking on cell phones, walking in and out of the room and, on occasion, marked by displays of unruly behavior and open hostility among members.

*The City Charter requirement that all City Council meetings be open and accessible to the public at all times has often been sidestepped, with important changes effectively happening behind closed doors or meetings scheduled at times when most members of the public are unable to attend.*

**10. I will promote greater public access to, and participation in, meetings and hearings convened by City Council and its committees -- including holding more sessions during evening hours and in locations throughout the City and also providing timely and complete transcripts on City Council's web site.**

Support:

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1	Frank DiCicco (D)	<p>I agree. However, I also recognize some of the technological and logistical challenges the proposal entails. In addition, there is a supposition that Council has acted inappropriately at one time or another. I cannot recall a time when “important changes effective happened behind closed doors...” and would appreciate specific examples. Specific examples allow Council to correct specific problems.</p> <p>In addition, it is important to note that no ordinance may be passed by Council at the time of introduction. It takes several weeks to reach final passage and public notice is always required. Hence, despite Council’s faults, lack of transparency is not one.</p>
2	Anna Verna (D)	I believe Council already is one of the most accessible of legislative bodies, and I will continue to uphold that tradition.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. An educated and well-informed voter is the best deterrent to unethical conduct.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	Evening hours are usually spent meeting with various groups throughout the city. Council meetings should continue to be held at City Hall. Timely and complete transcripts should be accessible as fast as possible on the City web site.
7	Maria Quinones Sanchez (D)	I will also urge the translation of information whenever possible.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	The City Charter requirement that all City Council meetings be open and accessible to the public at all times has often been sidestepped, with important changes effectively happening behind closed doors or meetings scheduled at times when most members of the public are

		unable to attend.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I agree, subject to technical and practical limitations.

**11. I will support reforms that make the business of City Council, including rules, more understandable to the average citizen.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
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4	Curtis Jones (D)	YES, I agree. Such reforms are critical for both maintaining the public trust and encouraging the public's full engagement.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Yes, depending on the specifics.

*Frequently, political friends and financial supporters are appointed to, or hired or confirmed for, positions in offices, departments, boards, commissions, agencies and authorities in city government -- creating doubts about their qualifications and their independence.*

**12. I will frequently publish the names of all donors to my campaign account, political committees and non-governmental organizations I control, above and beyond what is required by state law.**

Support:

- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)

- David Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Maria Quinones Sanchez (D-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)

Disagreement:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)\*
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)\*
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*
- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)\*
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)\*

2	Anna Verna (D)	I believe the current standards are sufficient.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	I support the fiscal transparency currently embodied in the City's campaign finance laws. I also recognize that private citizens have a right to privacy. However, I'd prefer that this is matter that would be made moot by instituting the public financing of political campaigns.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I believe that current law calls for these reports to be made available seven times annually. I believe that this number is sufficient.
7	Gary Grisafi (R)	I don't mind publishing names of people who donate, but the people who wish to give a very small amount (\$5, 10, 25, 35, etc.) and don't wish to have their names published on websites, I have to respect their privacy. It might prevent poor candidates like myself from raising money.
10	Brian O'Neill (R)	I support legislation that would establish more frequent reporting than is now required by state law.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	No. The openness of the Campaign Finance Reports has been increased by a fair amount over the last few years. What was once a problem, does not appear to be one now.
AL	Jack Kelly (R)	I do not agree to frequently publish (above and beyond what is required by state law) the names of all donors to my campaign account, political committees and non-governmental organizations I control. However, I do support legislation that would establish more frequent reporting than is currently required by state law.
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	At this time, I cannot agree to publish beyond what is currently required without further clarification of this measure. However, I would consider additional legislation regarding publication.

**13. I will only hire, promote, appoint and confirm individuals who meet the highest standards for ethics, integrity and character, as well as published, objective qualifications to perform the jobs to which they are assigned, without regard to past or future political support.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Anna Verna (D-2nd)
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)\*
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. I support setting a higher standard for public employees.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Once again we should be a meritocracy.

**14. I will assume personal responsibility for interviewing and hiring all individuals who work directly or indirectly for me, and will further require that all such individuals report either to me or to others on my staff as designated by me.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. Oversight of city employees and administration officials and accountability to the public is one of the most important roles of the City Council.
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*The new independent Board of Ethics received a strong mandate from the citizens of Philadelphia to regulate the ethical conduct of city government.*

**15. I will require all employees who work for me, and all appointees for whom I am responsible, paid and unpaid, to abide by all Board of Ethics advisory opinions, rules and enforcement decisions and will cooperate fully with the Board in carrying out its investigative responsibilities and implementing its rules and decisions.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
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- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree. However, I would encourage the Board to issue appropriate deadlines in the future in order to guarantee compliance. For example, the notice and deadline of the recent guidelines for electronic filing were poor.
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. I will comply and assist the Board of Ethics.

**16. I will work with my colleagues on City Council to ensure ample funding to support the operations of the Board of Ethics including, but not limited to, the appointment of an independent General Counsel who is unaffiliated with the mayor or City Council.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)\*
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)\*
- David Oh (R-AL)\*
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
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- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Undecided:

- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree. However, would such “General Counsel” overlap with the Inspector General? Should the positions be combined? How would said counsel be appointed?
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I will support the Board of Ethics. I will reserve the right to review any expansion of the Board or its jurisdiction and role on case by case bases.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	Undecided
AL	Patricia Mattern (R)	I agree in concept, but would appreciate clarification of how such an independent General Counsel would be appointed.
AL	David Oh (R)	While I do not disagree, I would have to study this issue further upon taking office. I am concerned that creating and paying for a new position entitled, General Counsel, may entail unnecessary duplication when we do not have enough funds for even the most important services and programs. We have an elected District Attorney, an elected Sheriff, an elected Controller and an appointed Inspector General. I would certainly fund the Board of Ethics so that it could interface with these existing organizations in an effective manner.
AL	Bill Green (D)	The new independent Board of Ethics received a strong mandate from

		the citizens of Philadelphia to regulate the ethical conduct of city government.
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*An executive order places strict limitations on the solicitation or acceptance of gifts, gratuities and favors by officials in the executive and administrative branches of government.*

**17. I will seek the enactment of permanent legislation that bans the acceptance of gifts, gratuities and favors above a nominal amount by members of City Council and their staffs.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
- Curtis Jones (D-4th)
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*
- Maria Quinones Sanchez (D-7th)
- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Disagreement:

- Anna Verna (D-2nd)\*

2	Anna Verna (D)	I believe the current standards are sufficient.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I would co-sponsor this legislation.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	I could support an initiative like this, provided the nominal amount is not set incredibly low.

*Some cities have dropped some of the perks that go along with public office, such as giving public officials complimentary tickets to events in City-owned or City-managed facilities, particularly when budget cuts threaten other city services.*

**18. I will seek reasonable limitations on the number of complimentary tickets given to public officials for use at any City-owned or City-managed facility, which**

**includes a prohibition on using those tickets for any past, current or future political fundraising purposes.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
- Frank DiCicco (D-1st)
- Mike Seidenberg (R-1st)
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- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Disagreement:

- Anna Verna (D-2nd)\*
- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*

2	Anna Verna (D)	I believe this is not a serious problem that needs to be addressed, especially now that campaign finance limitations have been enacted.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I would be amenable to reasonable limitations, but would not support any legislation that would seek to prohibit certain usage of these tickets.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Yes, but again the question is what is "reasonable." I am unaware of complimentary tickets being used for fundraising purposes so this should not be a high priority item.

*The City Charter forbids City Council members from engaging in political activity that takes place during scheduled hours of City employment. The lines between doing Council work and campaign work are often blurred.*

**19. I will abide by all laws regulating political activities – both permissible and prohibited – that might benefit me or any other candidate for political office, and will demand the same of members of my personal staff and any other staff who report to me.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
- Frank Rizzo (R-AL)
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree. For the record, I already obey all laws regulating political activities.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	While the City Charter <i>already</i> forbids City Council members from engaging in political activity that takes place during scheduled hours of City employment, the lines between doing Council work and campaign work are too often blurred.

*Lobbyists or lawyers acting as lobbyists are often perceived as having improper or undue influence on decisions made by the Office of the Mayor, City Council and other City departments, agencies and commissions.*

**20. I will seek the enactment of an ordinance requiring all lobbyists, and individuals acting as lobbyists, engaged in business with the City, City-related departments, agencies and commissions and quasi-City agencies and authorities, to register as lobbyists, identify their clients and make public their expenses.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
- Daivd Oh (R-AL)
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- Gary Grisafi (R-7th)
- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)
- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. This recommendation is similar to what lobbyists are required to do for the Commonwealth of PA, in the name of full disclosure. Philadelphia needs to do this now to instill a sense that we are serious about accountability.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	I would co-sponsor this legislation.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Lobbyists or lawyers acting as lobbyists are often perceived as having improper or undue influence on decisions made by the Office of the Mayor, City Council and other City departments, agencies and commissions. Again, the people of Philadelphia deserve to know who is trying to influence public policy and who they are doing it for.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	I could support this legislation.

*A recent study found that Philadelphia has two City Council districts whose political lines are among the most unevenly drawn in the nation. Redistricting will occur during the next mayor's term in office.*

**21. I will call upon the next mayor to convene a non-partisan and independent citizen's commission to allow for an open and public process that will result in a fair redistricting plan, thereby reducing the conflicts of interest inherent when political district lines are drawn exclusively by the mayor and City Council. The commission will report to the mayor and to City Council.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL)\*
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
- Patricia Mattern (R-AL)
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- Brian Rudnick (G-8th)
- Sean McAleer (D-10th)

Disagreement:

- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

Undecided:

- Joan Krajewski (D-6th)\*

1	Frank DiCicco (D)	I agree and will lead the charge!!
4	Curtis Jones (D)	Yes, I agree. There is a need to de-politicize the redistricting process. Once the mayor and city council agree on the priorities (i.e. population, size, etc) that should inform the process, it is reasonable to convene some form of non-partisan commission to implement the policy developed by the city's elected leaders.
6	Joan Krajewski (D)	Undecided
AL	William Greenlee (D)	A recent study found that Philadelphia has two City Council districts whose political lines are among the most unevenly drawn in the nation. A fair redistricting should occur during the next City Council term in office.
AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	Having a non-partisan and independent citizens' commission could be extremely helpful in this process.
AL	Bill Green (D)	A recent study found that Philadelphia has two City Council districts whose political lines are among the most unevenly drawn in the nation. A fair redistricting should occur during the next City Council term in office.

*Pennsylvania has a poor reputation when it comes to disclosure of public documents.*

**22. I will seek the adoption of, and support compliance with, new rules making all City and City Council documents public, consistent with the best practices in the nation, unless there is a compelling reason to restrict access to those documents.**

Support:

- Blondell Reynolds Brown (D-AL)\*
- Bill Green (D-AL) \*
- Bill Greenlee (D-AL)\*
- Jack Kelly (R-AL)
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- Brian O'Neill (R-10th)

AL	Blondell Reynolds Brown (D)	On its face, this seems reasonable.
AL	William Greenlee (D)	Again, we need more transparency in our city government. Philadelphia has a poor reputation when it comes to disclosure of public documents. In addition, we should make these documents available on line at <a href="http://www.phila.gov/">http://www.phila.gov/</a> .
AL	Bill Green (D)	We need more transparency in our city government. Philadelphia has a poor reputation when it comes to disclosure of public documents. In addition, we should make these documents available online at <a href="http://www.phila.gov/">http://www.phila.gov/</a> .