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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

May 9, 2022

The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke,

This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers during the FY23 Council Budget Hearings scheduled for the Mural Arts Program. At the hearing, the following question was asked:

- **Councilmember Isaiah Thomas: If your budget were \$4,000,000, please provide a plan of how you would use the funds.**

Mural Arts' proposed FY23 budget is \$2,518,685. With additional funding of just below \$1,500,000 to make it \$4,000,000, Mural Arts would accomplish the following:

Color Me Back, Same Day Work and Pay Program: \$250,000

This additional funding for Color Me Back would allow the program to continue its impactful work with home insecure populations in Center City, but also continue the work in other neighborhoods, namely Kensington, focusing on public art projects that provide workforce development, remove stigma, create community, and beautify spaces for everyone's enjoyment.

Commercial Corridor and Underpass Revitalizations: Public Art as Economic Stimulus: \$300,000

From 52nd Street to Girard Avenue to North 5th Street, Mural Arts can help transform how a corridor looks and feels. Funding would be invested strategically and in partnership with City Council and local CDC's to create spaces along commercial corridors with public art installations. Additional funding would also provide the capacity to revitalize identified underpasses so that they become safe, welcoming thoroughfares for residents.

Council Requests / Community Based Mural Projects: \$250,000

Mural Arts has a list of projects different communities are waiting for and this funding would allow for a few of those projects to be realized, as well as requests from Council members in different parts of the city where public art will invigorate spaces and bring communities together.



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Tacony Lab: \$150,000

A beacon of creativity and community for the area, Tacony Lab offers a wide variety of arts programming for free. Serving well over 1,000 people annually, Tacony Lab resides miles from any anchor arts institution.

Mural Restorations and Maintenance: \$150,000

With a collection of over 4,200 indoor and outdoor murals, Philadelphia is known nationally and internationally as the City of Murals. The collection requires maintenance and upkeep. Regular wear and tear from the elements cause damage and fading. Mural Arts' Operations Crew and staff artists keep a list of the murals that most urgently require repair. These funds allow for the restoration of an additional 30 murals.

Restorative Justice' Guild Program: \$150,000

Mural Arts' established reentry program has demonstrated its ability to create career pathways for graduating participants and reduce the recidivism rate. This additional funding would allow for 35 additional participants to go through the four month program and its follow up program.

Restorative Justice' Women's Reentry Program: \$100,000

Established in April 2020, the Women's Reentry Program (WRP) is focused on women and the challenges they face when returning to their communities after incarceration. Similar to the Guild program, the WRP is a four month paid apprenticeship program that provides learning opportunities and workforce development in a trauma-informed space. This funding would support 15 additional participants.

Art Education for City Schools: \$100,000

Arts-based learning, mural making techniques, and providing a safe place for at-risk youth ages 10 to 18 is what Mural Arts' Art Education team does. Currently working with 13 schools in the City of Philadelphia, this funding would allow for Mural Arts to work with 3 more schools and therefore reach approximately 100 more youth.

Operations Crew: \$50,000

Yearly budget reductions result in the operations crew being composed of only 6 people. The crew is responsible for cleaning graffiti, prepping spaces, doing clean up around a mural in underpasses and vacant lots, building scaffolding and more. They also help with maintenance at the Mural Arts headquarters on Mt. Vernon Street. They need boots, tools, equipment, as well as sealers and coatings to perform their work. There is no budget for such materials.



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Please contact my office for further information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane Golden".

Jane Golden, Executive Director
City of Philadelphia Mural Arts Program



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This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers during the FY23 Council Budget Hearings scheduled for the Department of Licenses and Inspections. At the hearing, the following questions were asked:

- **Councilmember Brooks: The 2018 bill allows tenants to have more info about landlords - do you know when that will be updated/uploaded?**

Bill No. 180940-A requires that the name and mailing address of up to two natural persons with equity interest in a non-publicly traded corporation be submitted with a new commercial activity license application.

Bill No 180939-A requires that the name and mailing address of up to two natural persons with equity interest in a non-publicly traded corporation be submitted with a rental license application.

L&I modified the eCLIPSE system in July 2021 to incorporate the following changes:

- All commercial activity license applications associated with a corporation must self-report contact information for natural persons with equity interest in a non-publicly traded corporation.
- All rental license applications must include a supplemental ownership information form identifying entity type and natural persons with equity interest in a non-publicly traded corporation.

The original implementation plan did not include the display of this information on the City website; however, L&I recently confirmed with the Law Department that it may be published and has initiated this process.

All natural person information associated with a commercial activity license for a non-publicly traded corporation obtained after July 2021 will be published with related business licenses through the online Atlas property search and the open data portal. We anticipate that the property search will be updated within 6 months and open data will be updated within 3 months from now, subject to the availability and scheduling of OIT.

This information may be obtained for any license issued after July 2021 through the submission of a Right-to-Know request.



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- **Councilmember Gauthier: Please provide the number of inspectors by unit (and area) and the number of vacancies in each area. Furthermore, she would also like to know if inspector (types) are used for multiple purposes.**

The Department currently has 53 filled Code Enforcement (CE) Inspectors and 66 filled Building Inspectors, which are assigned as follows:

	CE Inspectors	Building Inspectors
Central East District	3	8
Central West District	4	9
East District	6	5
North District	13	13
South District	7	5
West District	8	6
Vending Unit	5	N/A
Nuisance Property Unit	1	N/A
Inspector Trainees	6	8
Contractual Services	N/A	12
TOTAL	53	66

In addition to the filled positions shown above, the Department has an additional 19 Code Enforcement Inspector vacancies and 24 Building Inspector vacancies. These vacancies are not currently designated to specific district areas, since they will be assigned based on inspection workload.

Code Enforcement Inspectors can be used for multiple purposes, which include enforcement of the Property Maintenance and Fire Codes, as well as Vending, Nuisance Property and Zoning Code enforcement. Building Inspectors (once certified) enforce multiple codes including the Building, Accessibility, Mechanical, Energy and Plumbing Codes.

- **Councilmember Gauthier: How many inspectors are assigned to the Central Eastern area (Center City)?**

Eight (8) Building Inspectors and three (3) Code Enforcement Inspectors are currently assigned to the L&I Central East District office.

- **Councilmember Gauthier: How much would it cost to increase staff retention by the strategies you mentioned (increasing pay, providing City vehicles, etc.)?**

Increasing pay for Code Enforcement Inspectors would cost approximately \$2.57M. Providing City vehicles to all Building and Code Enforcement Inspectors would cost approximately \$5.1M.

- **Councilmember Gym: How much did you actual bring in in revenue through fines in FY22?**

Total Revenue collected from Code Fines during Fiscal Year 2022 to date is \$3,071,945.



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Thank you,

Ralph DiPietro

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Commissioner
Department of Licenses and Inspections



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Dear Council President Clarke,

This letter is in response to questions raised by Councilmembers during the FY23 Council Budget Hearings scheduled for Philadelphia Water Department. At the hearing, the following questions were asked:

- **Councilmember Gilmore-Richardson: As far as the EPA local government protection agency is concerned – how are you evaluating funds and workforce development strategies presenting themselves?**

PWD can apply for any of the areas of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) so long as we meet the necessary eligibility requirements of that source of funding. There are specific breakdowns of the types of trainings eligible within this grant funding source which the Department will explore. For example, under the Resilience section, there is a \$100 million Pollution Prevention grant for States, Tribes, State-Sponsored Institutions, Tribal Institutions. The eligible uses for this grant are “Specific technical assistance available to businesses seeking information about source reduction opportunities, including funding for experts to provide on-site technical advice to businesses and to assist in the development of source reduction plans; targeted assistance to businesses for whom lack of information is an impediment to source reduction; or training in source reduction techniques (where such training may be provided through local engineering schools or other appropriate means).”

- **Councilmember Gilmore-Richardson: Recruitment in the technical education program – what are the different programming? How do you work with OHR to realign job specifications?**

Since 2013 PWD has worked to identify and create career pathways for High School students to qualify for employment directly after graduating. Most of the jobs that PWD hires recent graduates for are through our Apprenticeship program. PWD consults with the School District of Philadelphia to determine where their Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs correlate to a career pathway in the Department. PWD then works with OHR to create entry level apprenticeship titles to directly hire the students. (See table below).

After the Civil Service job specification has been created students are interviewed and selected and begin the apprenticeship after graduation, providing for as seamless a transition between school and career as possible. Typically, apprentices work a 6-month period of temporary employment, and then subsequently automatically qualify to promote into a Civil Service position.



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PWD Apprenticeship Pathway Program for CTEs

<i>CTE Program</i>	<i>PWD Apprenticeship Pathway</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Electrical & Power Transmission</i> ○ <i>Electronics Technology/Automated Systems</i> ○ <i>Solar Power Technologies</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Electrician</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Electronics Technology/Automated Systems</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Electronics Technician</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Architectural Drafting</i> ○ <i>Computer Aided Drafting & Design (CADD)</i> ○ <i>Construction Technologies</i> ○ <i>Engineering Technologies</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Engineering Aide</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Horticulture</i> ○ <i>Natural Resource Management</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Grounds & Facilities Maintenance (Green Stormwater Infrastructure)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Construction Technologies</i> ○ <i>Facility & Property Maintenance</i> ○ <i>Plumbing Technology</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>HVAC Mechanic</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Facility & Property Maintenance</i> ○ <i>Precision Machine Tool Technology</i> ○ <i>Welding Technology</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Machinery & Equipment Mechanic</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Biotechnology</i> ○ <i>Natural Resource Management</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Science Technician</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Construction Technologies</i> ○ <i>Emergency Medical Technician/Fire Academy</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Safety Technician</i>

Additionally, the job class specification for Engineering Aide 1 now has a provision to allow students from the corresponding CTE Programs to apply directly. PWD is currently working with OHR to request a similar provision be added to the title of Grounds & Facilities Maintenance Worker 1. We are exploring the feasibility of requesting the same for the title Public Works Maintenance Trainee, the first Civil Service title used for the trade pathways.

- **Councilmember Jones: How many meter shut offs have there been?**

There were 4600 service shutoffs due to lack of response or compliance to repeated requests to gain access to the water meter which started in July of 2021. There are no shut-off for delinquency; the shutoffs are for AMI non-compliance and for defects that are causing structural damage or a safety hazard that never stopped. There are a minimum of 12 attempts to contact the customer to schedule an appointment before a property is shut off during the AMI upgrade. Three messages are placed on the customer's bill starting 4 weeks before the opening of an area for the AMI upgrade. Three letters are mailed to the customer, two



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visits to the property, one of the visits must be after normal business hours. If the customer is not home during the visit, a door hanger is left asking the customer to call to schedule the appointment. Three attempts by phone, one of which must be after normal business hours. If the customer does not respond to the 11 attempts to contact to schedule an appointment, a shut off notice is mailed to the property as well as any off-mailing address informing the customer they have 30 days to call PWD to schedule the appointment or the water will be suspended. Of the 4600 properties shut off, service is generally restored within 24 hours either the day they call or the next morning. Over 142,000 meters have been upgraded thus far so only 3% of those upgrades have had to have been facilitated through shutoff. The shutoffs for metering non-compliance are a contractual obligation with the AMI vendor. This was negotiated as part of the AMI contract to ensure the vendor would meet the minimum of 85% of the installations. Any installation performed by PWD counts towards the 85% minimum obligation. They are called fortuitous installs. Without the shutoffs the contractor would have a hard time meeting the 85% minimum installation. In addition, we allow for a COVID deferral to the end of the installation period if requested by the customer.

Please contact my office for further information.

Thank you,

Randy E. Hayman
Philadelphia Water Department