EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-90

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to promote job, educational, and housing opportunity for all residents of the City;

WHEREAS, The 1980 census documented that over 340,000 Philadelphia residents live at or below poverty income levels;

WHEREAS, Encouraging self-sufficiency for low-income residents of Philadelphia is a critical dimension of the City's broad commitment to opportunity;

WHEREAS, The goal of self-sufficiency for low income residents can be achieved only through active cooperation among all agencies within the City entrusted with serving low-income residents and their families;

NOW THEREFORE, I, W. Wilson Goode, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, in accordance with Section 3-100 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. New Opportunities Council

A. There is hereby established a New Opportunities Council under the Mayor's office composed of the heads of the following City departments, offices, agencies, commissions, quasi-governmental agencies and private agencies, or their designees:

The Office Housing and Community Development
Managing Director's Office
The Department of Commerce
The Mayor's Office of Community Services
The Private Industry Council
The Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation
The Philadelphia Commercial Development Corporation
The Mayor's Commission on Literacy
The Step Up Program of the Community College of Philadelphia
The Mayor's Commission on Puerto Rican and Latino Affairs
The Mayor's Commission for Women
The Mayor's Commission for Sexual Minorities
The Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities
The Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation
The Philadelphia Housing Authority

The Office of Services to the Homeless and Adults
The Department of Human Services
The Department of Public Health
The School District of Philadelphia

B. The purpose of the New Opportunities Council is to oversee the design and implementation of programs aimed at achieving self-sufficiency for low-income residents of Philadelphia. These programs will aim at integrating the work of distinct job placement, training, housing, social service and health agenices into comprehensive strategies for employment and affordable housing for the low-income residents of the City. The Council will also work to develop family assistance and community education programs aimed at helping children in low-income families achieve self-sufficiency through school and community experiences.

C. The Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development will chair the Council. The Office of Housing and Community Development will provide administrative support for the Council's operation.

D. The New Opportunities Council will meet monthly. Committees of the Council will meet as required.

SECTION 2. Charge of the New Opportunities Council

The New Opportunities Council will undertake four basic tasks:

A. The creation of a City New Opportunities Corps, composed of all low-income participants in self-sufficiency programs now sponsored by City agencies. The Council will develop resources and programs aimed at reinforcing agency assistance to these individuals and their families.

B. The sponsorship of interagency seminars, workshops and conferences for the staffs of City and School District antipoverty agencies focusing on shared strategies for achieving self-sufficiency for low-income residents of the City.

C. The identification of interagency programs that strengthen cooperative efforts to achieve self-sufficiency for low-income residents.

D. The development of proposals for expanded federal, state and private support of the City's efforts

to achieve self-sufficiency for low-income residents of the City.

SECTION 3. Effective Date

This Order shall be effective immediately.

March 7, 1990
Date

W. Wilson Goode
W. WILSON GOODE,
Mayor