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Hon. Michael A. Nutter
Mayor, City of Philadelphia
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Hon. Anna V. Verna
President, City Council
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Re: **Second Interim Report on the Progress of the
Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform**

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council President Verna:

On September 24, 2008, Mayor Nutter formed an Advisory Task Force on Ethics and Campaign Finance Reform (the "Task Force") to perform a comprehensive review of the City's campaign finance and ethics laws, hold a public hearing to receive information and recommendations from the public, and ultimately provide a report to the Mayor and the Council President setting forth recommendations regarding improvements, changes, and/or amendments to the existing campaign finance and ethics laws of the City.

On January 30, 2009, we wrote to you with an interim report in which we sought an extension of time until May 1, 2009 to issue our final report and recommendations. Since January 30th, the Task Force has met six times during which we have had five subcommittees develop and present preliminary recommendations on issues involving (1) campaign finance reform, (2) political activity restrictions, (3) ethics/conflict of interest rules, (4) outside employment of City employees, and (5) lobbying. I have attached a summary of the preliminary recommendations which have the unanimous support of the Task Force.

Based on the input that we received at the public hearing held on January 10, 2009 and our own belief that public input and understanding is essential to making further reforms a reality, we believe that we should make public our preliminary recommendations and have another public hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 5:30 pm at the Pennsylvania Convention Center to seek input on these recommendations before making final recommendations.

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We, therefore, respectfully request your permission that the time for filing a final report be extended for a brief period after a second public hearing to allow the members of the Task Force sufficient time to review the comments of the public and write a final report.

Respectfully,

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THE TASK FORCE ON ETHICS AND
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