

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-84

WHEREAS, the City of Philadelphia is a City of neighborhoods having both common and diverse expectations, needs, social and economic goals and constituencies;

WHEREAS, there exists a need to effectuate a neighborhood-city partnership in order to bring government closer to the people it serves;

WHEREAS, there are numerous agencies and programs aimed at resolving socio-economic problems generally associated with the City as a whole but which are better studied and implemented on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis;

WHEREAS, there exists a need to better coordinate the implementation and delivery of programs to neighborhoods throughout the City;

WHEREAS, the importance of this responsibility requires that it be treated as a top priority of the City and therefore be administered through the Office of the City's Chief Executive Officer,

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me in accordance with Sections 1-102 and 4-100 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1

The purpose of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods shall be to:

- 1) Advise and recommend to the Mayor strategies for improving the quality of life for citizens on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis,
- 2) Strengthen the existing City resources, in the delivery of services, making use of those citizen volunteers, neighborhood organizations and community groups to stimulate community and economic development,
- 3) Provide a clearinghouse for neighborhood activity throughout the City, and
- 4) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the activities of all neighborhood programs administered throughout the City.

Section 2

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods will work closely with the Office of the Managing Director to assure that implementing departments are responsive to the needs and priorities of the City's neighborhoods.

Section 3

A Neighborhood Policy Board will be established which will be comprised of the directors of agencies in the City which carry out neighborhood activities. This will provide to the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods advice and guidance for coordinating service delivery to neighborhoods and for raising issues of public policy and their impact on neighborhoods.

Section 4

All employees, officials, departments, and agencies in the Executive/ Administrative branch of government are hereby directed to cooperate with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods to the fullest extent possible consistent with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Philadelphia.

Section 5

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Feb. 7, 1984
DATE


W. WILSON GOODE
Mayor