EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-16

RECOGNIZING, ENDORSING, AND AUTHORIZING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION
WITH THE PHILADELPHIA 2016 HOST COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, with the support of the City of Philadelphia (the "City"), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ("Philadelphia") was selected as the host site of the 2016 Democratic National Convention (the "Convention"); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Convention will attract over 35,000 people to the Philadelphia metropolitan area, will stimulate substantial economic development in Philadelphia, and will generate substantial good will and other benefits for Philadelphia including substantial opportunities for firms and for employment opportunities in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Convention and achieving the economic benefits requires the expenditure of funds to provide the necessary facilities, services, goods and supplies for rental and buildout of the Convention arena, transportation of Convention participants, communications and technology infrastructure, appropriate welcoming facilities and events, office space and other costs; and

WHEREAS, hosting the Convention also requires security and other essential City services during the Convention to provide a safe, secure, clean and positive environment for those attending the Convention and other visitors to Philadelphia during the event; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has made available a grant to the City to offset the City's costs for providing certain services to support the Convention; and

WHEREAS, Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation (the "Host Committee") was established with the support and endorsement of the City to submit a proposal to the DNC in response to the Request for Proposals issued by the DNC seeking a host city for the Convention; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the Host Committee has worked in close coordination with City officials to ensure that the efforts of the Host Committee achieve, to the greatest degree possible, its purposes in hosting the Convention;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, by the powers vested in me by the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, do hereby ORDER as follows:

SECTION 1. RELIEF OF GOVERNMENT BURDEN

This order hereby affirms that the City authorized and assisted in creating the Host Committee and that the City has requested and is relying upon the Host Committee to relieve the City of the burdens of expending public funds for the facilities, services, goods, and supplies necessary for Philadelphia to serve as the host site for the Convention. Further, this order affirms that the Host Committee’s efforts to lessen the burdens of the City include the obligations undertaken by the Host Committee in (i) the agreement dated February 12, 2015 with the City, the 2016 Democratic National Convention Committee (“DNCC”), and the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority (the “City Agreement”) and (ii) the agreement dated February 12, 2015 with the DNCC (the “Master Convention Contract”).

SECTION 2. EXPEDITED REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The appropriate City departments and agencies are hereby authorized and directed to expedite the review and approval process for all licenses, permits, approvals, reviews, variances and inspections required by the laws of the City as needed for the Convention and related activities as determined by the Host Committee and DNCC in consultation with such departments and agencies.

SECTION 3. SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANNING

The Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner, Director of Emergency Management and other appropriate officials are authorized and directed to develop a Convention security and traffic control plan, in coordination with the Host Committee and DNCC, and in consultation with federal, state and other local law enforcement agencies as provided for in the City Agreement, including the designation of one or more security zones related to the Convention.

SECTION 4. SECURITY AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES

The appropriate City departments are hereby authorized and directed to provide the security, traffic control and related services as required by the Convention security plan to be developed pursuant to the City Agreement, in coordination with the Host Committee and DNCC. To the extent required by the City Agreement, the Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner and Director of Emergency Management are authorized to accept, on behalf of their respective agencies, funds from the Host Committee necessary to reimburse the City for its incremental security costs not covered by grants from the Federal Government.
SECTION 5. BANNERS AND OTHER SIGNAGE

The appropriate City departments are hereby authorized and directed to issue, in coordination with the Host Committee, the necessary and lawful permits for hanging or display of banners and other signage related to the Convention on rights of way and City-owned property; and to expedite the review and permit approval process for a comprehensive general signage plan for the temporary display of signage in support of the Convention as required by the Master Convention Contract.

SECTION 6. COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

All City agencies, departments, boards, and commissions are directed to cooperate fully with the Host Committee in the performance of its duties hereunder subject to reimbursement by the Host Committee of the City’s incremental costs related to the Convention. The appropriate City departments also are authorized and directed to coordinate with the Host Committee in the making of any public improvements likely to impact the Convention.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order shall take effect immediately.

4/12/16
Date

James F. Kenney, Mayor