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City Council Passes Legislation, Sponsored by Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown to Protect Minors from Fund-Raising in the Streets

(PHILADELPHIA) December 11, 2007 – The City Council of Philadelphia passed legislation (070949) sponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown on Thursday, December 6, 2007, to prohibit children from fund-raising in the streets. Reynolds Brown and her colleagues acknowledge the rise of accidents that include city youth, which has seemingly grown with the influx of violence. This preventive measure will prohibit minors from attempting to raise funds in or upon any street, roadway, or traffic lane. “Too often children are in the middle of street knocking on car windows, I am not opposed to them being opportunistic but they are in harm’s way. I am in the business of providing safety for children. I will feel much more comfortable knowing officers will add this to their detail.”

The legislation calls for more accountability on behalf of not only parents and guardians but police officers as well. The Police Department will be provided with a better tool to minimize accidents in our communities. This is not the first youth safety bill passed by City Council that was sponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown. Last year she gained passage of a bill that tightened the curfew laws and since her bill was signed into law close to 10 curfew centers have been created citywide.

Councilwoman Reynolds Brown has been a reliable long time champion of children and youth, the arts and culture community, and small business development. She is now an emerging leader in energy conservation and environmental matters and is infusing her policy initiatives to reflect this new and important priority.

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