

City Council budget hearings might be over this year, but it's not too late to get the budget our communities deserve!

Join us on Thursday, May 16th to demand City Council increase mobile crisis funding in this year's budget.

Right now, if you or a loved one is experiencing a mental health crisis and calls 911, police will arrive, possibly escalating the situation and making everyone less safe.

The standard of care in behavioral health crises is for mental health professionals to care for the person in need.

Philadelphia allocated \$10 million in last year's budget to expand current mobile crisis support in the city but that is not enough. People in crisis cannot afford to wait over an hour for help.

We can have an impact while City Council negotiates and deliberates on the finalized budget for FY2025. Call Council President Kenyatta Johnson and Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore-Richardson and demand full funding in the DBHIDS budget for mobile crisis units.

I'm calling to urge the Councilmember to fully fund the Department of Behavioral Health's mobile crisis program. When mental health professionals can respond quickly to our neighbors in need, it keeps our communities safe. Can I count on the Councilmember to support full funding for mobile crisis teams?

Council President Kenyatta Johnson (District 2): **215-686-3412 or 215-686-3413** Majority Leader Katherine Gilmore Richardson: **215-686-0454 or 215-686-0455**

If you have time to make one additional phone call, please call your local Councilmember. You can also call At-Large members who represent the entire city or members of the "Kensington Caucus."

Other Council Office Phone Numbers

District 3 - Jamie Gauthier: 215-686-0459, 215-686-0460

District 4 - Curtis Jones: 215-686-3416, 215-686-3417

District 5 - Jeffrey Young Jr.: 215-686-3442, 215-686-3443

District 8 - Cindy Bass: 215-686-3424, 215-686-3425

District 9 - Anthony Phillips: 215-686-3455

District 10 - Brian O'Neill: 215-686-3422, 215-686-3423

At Large - Isaiah Thomas: 215-686-3446, 215-686-3447

At Large - Nina Ahmad: 215-686-3450

At Large - Rue Landau: 215-686-3420, 215-686-3421

At Large - Minority Leader Kendra Brooks: 215-686-0461, 215-686-0462

At Large - Minority Whip Nicolas O'Rourke: 215-686-3452

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District 1 - Mark Squilla: 215-686-3458, 215-686-3459 District 6 - Michael Driscoll: 215-686-3444, 215-686-3445 District 7 - Quetcy Lozada: 215-686-3448, 215-686-3449 At Large - Jim Harrity: 215-686-8295, 215-686-8296

Thank you for participating and showing City Council that Philadelphians will continue to fight for mobile crisis unit expansion. They need to know we are paying attention and that we won't be quiet until this program is able to meet the needs of all Philadelphians in crisis. Please share this with your networks – there is power in numbers!