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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO JOIN CIVIC GROUPS IN PA VOTER ID LAW EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Officials Combat Confusion Over Changing Rules

WHAT: Council President Darrell L. Clarke and members of City Council will announce an outreach effort in partnership with the Pennsylvania Voter ID Coalition to educate Philadelphians who might not be permitted to vote on Election Day under the state's controversial new voting requirements.

According to the Pa. State Department, nearly 760,000 registered voters in Pennsylvania do not have PennDOT ID cards. In Philadelphia, around 18 percent of voters do not have PennDOT-issued cards. The stream of announcements coming from the Pa. State Department purporting to make the law more flexible has only further confused voters about their rights, according to recent media reports.

WHO: Council President Clarke (5th District)
Councilwoman Cindy Bass (8th District)
Councilman Bobby Henon (6th District)
Councilwoman Maria Quiñones-Sánchez (7th District)

plus representatives from members of the Pa. Voter ID Coalition including:

NAACP of Pennsylvania
Senior Law Center
Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Temple University student body
Committee of Seventy

WHEN: 1 p.m. Monday, July 30, 2012

**WHERE: Girls Gymnasium
Strawberry Mansion High School
3133 Ridge Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19132**

(Media are advised to park in the lot behind the school off W. Daughin Street; back entrance leads to the gym.)

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