

The logo consists of a teal rectangular background. The word "Philadelphians" is written in a white, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the words "for a FAIR FUTURE" are written in a white, sans-serif font, with "for a" in a smaller, lowercase font and "FAIR FUTURE" in a larger, all-caps font.

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## **PFF STATEMENT ON COUNCIL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF SODA TAX**

*Philadelphia, June 9, 2016* – Philadelphians for a Fair Future issued the following statement today in the wake of a vote by City Council’s Committee of the Whole for favorably reporting out Bill No. 160176, the proposed tax on sugar-added and artificially sweetened beverages:

“We congratulate the members of Council for their leadership and courage in moving forward with the beverage tax and positioning it for final vote at Council’s meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Council’s vote is an important step in securing the funds needed to pay for the programs that mean so much to Philadelphia’s future – expanded pre-K, community schools, and rebuilding recreation centers, parks and libraries in our neighborhoods.

“On behalf of the 81 organizations and thousands of citizens that PFF represents, we ask our partners to contact their respective Council members to thank them for moving the legislation forward, and to urge them to ignore the desperation tactics of the soda industry and vote again on June 16<sup>th</sup> to finalize its passage.”

### **About PFF**

Philadelphians for a Fair Future represents a coalition of 81 organizations and thousands of people from all walks of life in Philadelphia, including: Public Citizens for Children and Youth; the Philadelphia Parks Alliance; the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers; Education Voters of Pennsylvania; the Service Employees International Union; Center for Popular Democracy; the Alliance of Community Service Providers; the Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children; Men United for a Better Philadelphia; Ceiba; Action United; Aspira; the Center for Science in the Public Interest; Lodge 5 of the FOP; Local 22, IAFF; District Councils 33 and 47, AFSCME; Youth United for Change; and multiple community development corporations and small business owners from throughout the city.

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