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Statement of City Council President Anna C. Verna
Re: DROP Opinion Received From City Solicitor

After waiting over two months for an answer to my original request for an opinion, Council received a response from the City Solicitor late Friday afternoon.

Although we are all still reviewing the opinion, I can say this: it provides far less guidance than any opinion I can recall. Merely saying that removing DROP participation for most employees “could” be constitutional is of no help at all. How likely is that to be the case? Is it probable? Is it possible? Is it unlikely, but possible? We have no idea.

I am disappointed with the City Solicitor’s opinion. My colleagues and I will continue to aggressively pursue our independent review and public hearing.