

**House Local Government, Urban Affairs and Finance Committees  
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Good morning members of the House Local Government, Urban Affairs and Finance Committees. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you today.

My name is Marita J. Kelley, MPA. I have an extensive background in Governmental Financial Management and Municipal Management. I began my professional career with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in 1983. For the past thirty-five years I have worked for various governmental entities. For the City of Houston, Texas, I served as a professional lobbyist to represent the City's interests and a Budget and Finance Analyst. I later joined the City of Harrisburg as the Budget Director where I managed the annual budget and its implementation in the mid-1980s. I also was the Borough Manager and Finance Officer for the Borough of Marysville, Pennsylvania. More recently, I joined the Center for Local Government Services in the Department of Community and Economic Development where I am currently the Deputy Executive Director.

In July of 2017, I was appointed the Act 47 Recovery Coordinator for the City of Harrisburg. As such, it has been my responsibility to properly manage and implement the continued effort of the Harrisburg Strong Plan. During the past few weeks my team has been busy developing and introducing the City of Harrisburg's Act 47 Three-Year Exit Plan which will conclude on September 30, 2021. There is no doubt that during this exit period, the city faces several challenges that will require difficult decisions to solve.

In the next three years, I as the Recovery Coordinator, will work with the Mayor and the City Council to continue to stabilize the city's financial condition and to see the city through to a full rescission from the Act 47 Program. Our shared goals are to put Harrisburg on a path to a secure, prosperous financial future, and to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

I would be happy to answer any questions..