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THE CITY OF ALBANY OFFICE OF AUDIT AND CONTROL INTERVIEW WITH HELEN GYM, PHILADELPHIA COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE ON PROHIBITING TEAR GAS AND RUBBER BULLETS DURING PROTESTS

ALBANY, NY – On Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 12 p.m., Chief City Auditor Dr. Dorcey Applrys and Auditor Michele Andre will be interviewing Philadelphia Councilmember At-Large Helen Gym, on the topic of prohibiting tear gas and rubber bullets during protests. This pre-recorded interview will be available on the City of Albany Office of Audit and Control's Facebook and Twitter pages for public viewing.

On October 29, 2020, Philadelphia City Council banned the use of tear gas, rubber bullets, and pepper spray on protestors. This legislation was introduced by Councilmember At-Large, Helen Gym and cosponsored by members of the Public Safety Committee. During the interview, Councilmember Gym discusses how the police murder of George Floyd and demonstrations in West Philadelphia served as the impetus for the creation of this legislation, input from community leaders and elected officials and an update on the implementation of the legislation.

Video of the Community Audit Report:
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