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ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND URBAN SUSTAINABILITY FORUM PRESENT MARCH 17 PROGRAM WITH PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL CANDIDATES

At-large candidates will discuss their positions on the environment

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences, Urban Sustainability Forum, and Next Great City Coalition will present a forum with Philadelphia City Council at-large candidates at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at the Academy.

The forum, which is free and open to the public, will focus on the environment, sustainability and natural resources. Candidates of both parties will present their positions on issues including energy, waste and access to food. The forum will be moderated by Chris Satullo, WHYY's executive director of news and civic dialogue.

Additional forums for district City Council seats will take place at the Academy at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, and Thursday, April 21.

The Academy of Natural Sciences is Philadelphia's natural history museum and an important center for environmental and biodiversity research. In recent years, the Academy has focused on raising public awareness and promoting public activism on critical topics related to the human and natural environments. In this role, the Academy now sponsors many of the city's most important public discussions on sustainability and the environment.

As part of this programming, the Academy has joined with a coalition of more than 20 organizations and public agencies to sponsor and host the Urban Sustainability Forum. These monthly panel discussions support the goals of making Philadelphia the "greenest" city in America.

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday—Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday—Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for Butterflies!

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