



**City of Philadelphia
Office of the City Controller**

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**REBECCA RHYNHART RELEASES STATEMENT
ANNOUNCING HER RESIGNATION**

Philadelphia, PA – Today, Rebecca Rhynhart announced her resignation as City Controller, effective immediately. Rhynhart notified Mayor Jim Kenney of her resignation via letter earlier this morning.

Her statement is as follows:

“After close to a decade of public service working for two different mayors, I decided to run for City Controller six years ago because I wanted to be an independent voice for the people and have a bigger impact on the city I love.

I am incredibly proud of my time as City Controller and what the office has achieved: Auditing every department every year and highlighting the need for better internal controls; conducting performance audits of departments that haven’t been reviewed in years, like the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, the Philadelphia Parking Authority and the Philadelphia Sheriff’s Office; investigating complex issues, such as the police department’s response to the civil unrest of 2020 and the procurement process for the city’s new voting machines; and expanding the scope of the office to analyze critical issues facing the city, like gun violence and equity in service delivery.

But my power as City Controller is limited. I can identify problems with how government is operating and make recommendations to improve those operations. As Controller, I cannot force the administration to implement recommendations that will move our city forward.

This has been a very difficult decision, but I believe our city needs strong leadership. It is with this in mind that I announce my resignation. While I will no longer be City Controller, I want the people of Philadelphia to know that I remain committed to doing the work of the people every day.”

Mayor Kenney will designate one of the existing deputies in the Controller's Office to serve as the acting city controller.