



News Release



CONGRESSMAN

Chaka Fattah

Second District, Pennsylvania

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M E D I A A D V I S O R Y

Sen. Hughes, Rep. Fattah, Councilwoman Reynolds Brown Sponsor Firearms Turn-In

Coverage Invited for "Groceries for Guns" Saturday Feb. 10 in West Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) will join State Senator Vincent Hughes (D-Phila) and City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown on **Saturday February 10 at Noon at 4601 Market Street** for the "Groceries for Guns Initiative" at which Philadelphians will be handing over firearms to the Police Department in exchange for vouchers for groceries.

Anyone who turns in a firearm during the daylong exchange – from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – will receive a voucher worth \$200 for groceries, with 76ers tickets for all participants.

In an effort to curb violence and reduce the number of guns in the city, these public officials are asking Philadelphians to turn in any firearm – handguns or long guns – no questions asked. Philadelphia police officers and the Police Department Mobile Unit will be parked in the driveway in front of 4601 to receive all surrendered weapons.

At NOON the public officials will conduct a NEWS CONFERENCE to explain the significance of this effort – the second firearms exchange under **Gun Safe Philadelphia** within a month. On Martin Luther King Day, January 15, the "Groceries for Guns Initiative" sponsored by Councilwoman Reynolds Brown and Congressman Fattah resulted in Philadelphians turning in 252 weapons, including 177 handguns.

In addition, Congressman Fattah and Senator Hughes on February 2 announced a \$1,000 reward program for the Illegal Guns Hotline set up in coordination with the Citizens Crime Commission at **215-546-TIPS**.

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WHAT: “Groceries for Guns Initiative”

WHEN: **SATURDAY, Feb. 10**
 News Conference at Noon
 Weapons will turned in for grocery vouchers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: **Center for Human Advancement**
 4601 Market Street
 Philadelphia PA

WHO: **State Senator Vincent Hughes**
 Congressman Chaka Fattah
 City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown
 West Philadelphia Elected Officials

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