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The Democratic National Committee visits Philadelphia in bid for 2016 convention



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The City of Philadelphia is pulling out all the stops during the Democratic National Committee's two-day visit to convince 18 DNC representatives that Philadelphia is the best choice for its 2016 convention.

"Any city has to illustrate their ability to handle large events," said [Julie Coker Graham](#), executive vice president of the [Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau](#). "I think you have to demonstrate how your city will fair in terms of the delegate experience, so providing what the delegate will experience when they're here [is important.]"

Some of the highlights of the Philadelphia experience include trips to Pat's Steaks, the [Reading Terminal Market](#), the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the [Comcast Center](#).

Here's a rundown of Wednesday and Thursday's events:

Wednesday, Aug. 13

10-10:15 a.m.: Greeting upon arrival in Philadelphia by Mayor Michael [Nutter](#), former Gov. Ed [Rendell](#), and Congressman Bob Brady at the Radisson Blu Hotel on 220 S. 17th St.

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Lunch at Pat's Steaks.

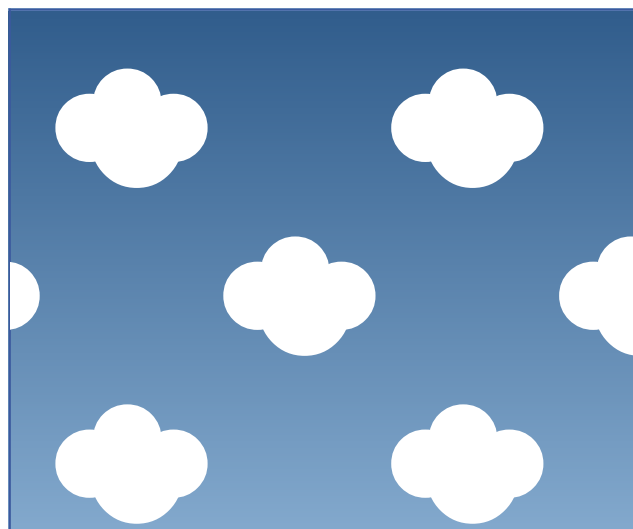
3-3:15 p.m.: Press Q&A with DNC CEO



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Gov. Ed Rendell will be welcoming the 18-member Democratic National Committee on Wednesday with Mayor Michael Nutter and Congressman Robert Brady.



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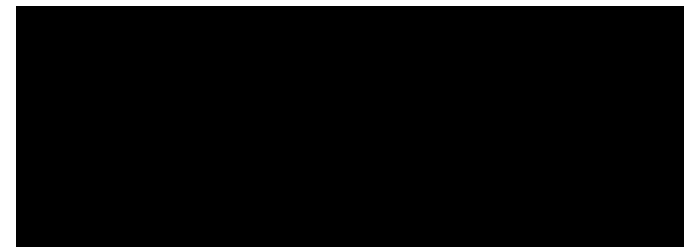
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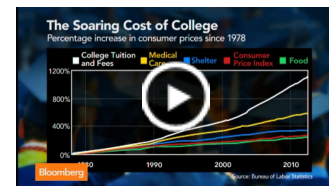


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5:10-5:30 p.m.: Tour of Reading Terminal Market.

9:20-9:45 p.m.: Candlelight tour of Independence Hall on 6th and Chestnut streets

Thursday, Aug. 14

8:30-8:45 a.m.: Greeting at Comcast Center and video presentation at the Comcast Center lobby.

8:45-9:00 a.m.: Breakfast at the Comcast Center with business and civic leaders on the 45th floor of the Comcast Center.

9:45-10 a.m.: Press Q&A with local political and business leaders at the Comcast Center lobby.

2:50-3:00 p.m.: Thank you rally for DNC visitors at the [National Constitution Center](#).

5 p.m.: Arrival at the Philadelphia Museum of Art for the closing event of the DNC Visit and a reception featuring remarks and a farewell at the top of the Art Museum steps.

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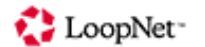
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