

**Bernie's Remarks
Reorganization Meeting
2 Jan 2014**

I want to first thank my son, Simon, for administering my oath of office. As this is the start of my 12th year as an elected official, I'd hazard a guess that he can recite the oath from memory. I also want to thank my son, Toby and grandson, Noah, for holding the bible. They did an excellent job, but I know that they are both accustomed to be on stage with speaking roles, so that standing center stage without speaking is really not their gig. Most of all, I'd like to thank my wife, Ruth, for aiding and abetting my passion for public service. Through it all she has been my political consultant, editor, speech writer – and most of all my best friend.

I also want to thank my colleagues for re-electing me Council President. In 2013 we faced many challenges and had many successes. We already know that we will have major challenges to deal with in 2014. I know that we all want the best for Princeton, although at times we may not agree on exactly what is the best and how to get there. Through the democratic process of debate and discussion we will work together, the challenges will become successes and at the end of 2014 Princeton will be a better community.

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