

Jim Kenney wins Phila. Mayoral race

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Former longtime Councilman Jim Kenney was elected mayor on Tuesday on a promise to push for universal prekindergarten education and step up efforts to fight poverty.



Philadelphia Democratic mayoral candidate Jim Kenney gives a thumbs up while speaking

Kenney, a Democrat, overwhelmed his Republican challenger, business executive Melissa Murray Bailey, in a city that hasn't had a GOP mayor since 1952 and where the primary is considered the more important election.

He will take office in January, replacing Democrat Michael Nutter, who was limited to two four-year terms.

Besides pushing for prekindergarten education for all children, Kenney said he would seek bail reform in the city, where thousands of people are behind bars awaiting trial.

"It is not what I am going to do, it is what we are going to do," Kenney told supporters during his short and subdued victory speech at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

