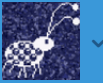
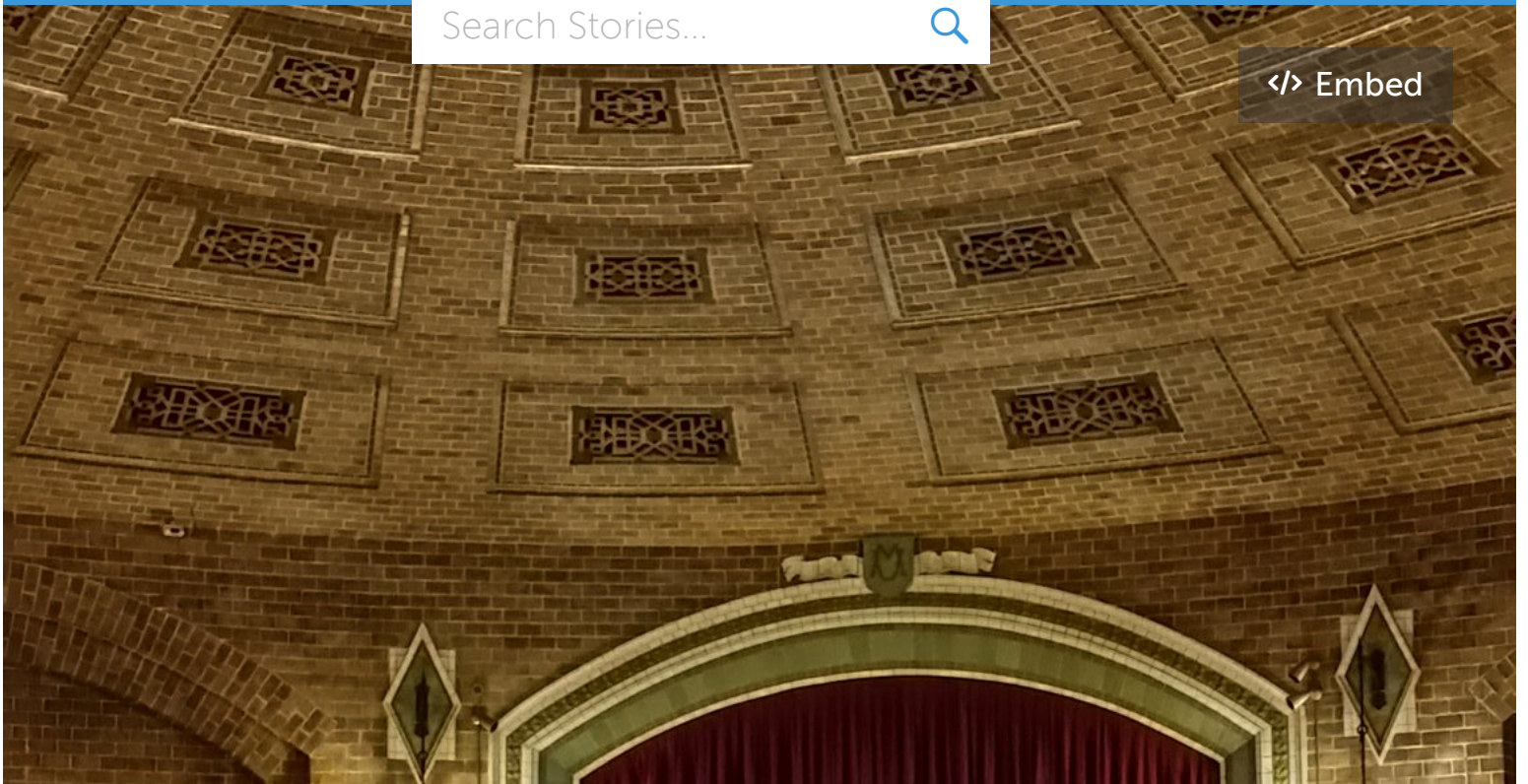


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ForgeConf Q&A with Mayor Kenney

We had the honor of listening to a Q&A with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney just after lunch at ForgeConf.

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On Bob Marley: have never seen someone be the voice of a nation, and he was. Marley was an awesome poet, Tupac, Bono. [#ForgeConf](#)

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@MayorKenney just said [#Tupac](#) was a real poet. [#forgeconf](#)

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We also decriminalized marijuana possession, so. We had 4200 people booked a year. Officers couldn't fight crime [#forgeconf](#)

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We are a state that licenses sells and taxes alcohol. We've never arrested a guy for domestic violence who's been smoking weed [#forgeconf](#)

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At [#forgeconf](#) and [@PhillyMayor](#) is already breaking it down.

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The city's poverty level is 26%. Have to make practical funding calls. Forbes 30 under 30 wasn't a good investment. DNC was. [#ForgeConf](#)

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Philadelphia arrested 0 during DNC. Secret Service arrested 11. A protesting Bernie sanders supporter called our police awesome [#forgeconf](#)

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.@PhillyMayor talking community-police relations at [#forgeconf](#):
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No tear gas ever. You never get rid of those pictures. The police and citizen relationship starts at the very first interaction [#forgeconf](#)

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You can't go after people with expletives. You have to explain why you stop someone. Be polite, build a relationship [#forgeconf](#)

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311 wasn't set up right. Staffing was a major issue, and spending on technology wasn't what it should've been.

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Welcome to [#ForgeConf](#), [@phillymayor](#)!

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In Chicago 311 lightbulb supplies told them that drug dealers were shooting out lights — knew to up patrols [#ForgeConf](#)

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Government often buys stuff that never gets used. Work with tech companies to use it, whether equipment or licenses [#ForgeConf](#)

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Government very rarely does stuff in the right way. They don't work together. If gov't works together they'd've prevented tragedy [#forgeconf](#)

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"Innovation's important and innovation is something we should strive for," -[@PhillyMayor](#) [#ForgeConf](#)

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innovation is important but if the bones of the system aren't working and the connections aren't there innovation can't get done [#ForgeConf](#)

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CIO is a new and important position in the government. Changes procurement, budgeting. Real-time auction bids = great city prices [#ForgeConf](#)

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If our young people don't get access to the new way to read, broadband, they can't get out of poverty. [#forgeconf](#)

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Want every kid in the city to have access to the same equipment that the kids in the suburbs get. They're just as worthy
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Want our city equipment and fields to be better for kids. Library funding. 75% of people in libraries are looking for jobs
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.@PhillyMayor talking about importance of technology in libraries in bridging [#digitaldivide](#) at [#forgeconf](#)

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Libraries in Philadelphia are jam packed with people trying to make their lives better. (FUND YOUR LIBRARIES, PEOPLE!)
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Soda tax will be starting funding preschool to get children ready for classrooms early. [#ForgeConf](#)

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If you get into a school every week as mayor it saves your sanity. This is why I did this. [#ForgeConf](#)

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You can see the difference between kids who have been to classrooms and ones that haven't. Pre-k makes a positive difference [#ForgeConf](#)

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Transparency and open data: there is no level of government or information service that should not be public. [#ForgeConf](#)

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Salaries are a big deal. Government is a public equity
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The more you have access to data from the government the
better your business will grow because you have access
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"The talent that's out there can't work unless they have the data"
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What happened in Charlotte: that video should be released. The
more you hide the more skeptical the public becomes
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Even the number of parking tickets in a certain area should be released. That helps companies know what to do and how to grow [#ForgeConf](#)

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'I was pinching myself at the [#eagles](#) game last night."
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We should be celebrating the teachers - but it doesn't fire up people like the eagles holding the steelers to no touchdowns
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We revel in our own stuff too much sometimes. Don't ruin a kid's experience because he has a giant's jersey. That bothers me
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‘Everyone in a Red Sox shirt is going to a hotel and I should thank them. Mets fans are another story ;)’ [#forgeconf](#)

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Young people the safe ability to walk to work, bike to work, walk to hang out at night - we need to become that city [#ForgeConf](#)

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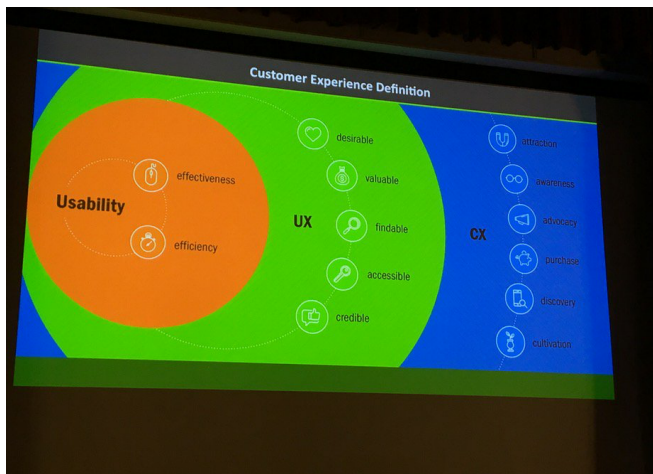


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