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### **Council Member Robinson Issues Statement on the August Wilson Center**

30 April 2014 – Allegheny County Council Member William Russell Robinson expresses his support to Judge Judith Fitzgerald and her role as the appointed receiver in the August Wilson matter.

“Mayor Bill Peduto and County Executive Rich Fitzgerald have purportedly asked Judge Judith Fitzgerald to step down and have unfairly tarnished her reputation in this matter. I believe that this is political posturing that has come too late in the game. Judge Lawrence O’Toole has appointed Judge Fitzgerald to carry out her duties according to the law. In her lengthy experience in the law of bankruptcy she is appropriately suited to carry out her functions. Attempting to influence a judge is highly inadvisable. Judge Fitzgerald is doing her duty in considering the best offer before her. To get the best possible deal is the appropriate thing to do in the interests of the Dollar Bank and other creditors who have financially backed the Center throughout its history.”

“I believe that the Dollar Bank has been overlooked in this controversy and I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Mona Generett, former Vice President and the late Stephen Hansen former owner and President of the Dollar Bank. They should also be considered in the dissolution of the center so that they may receive a fair settlement of their debt.” I also want to recognize Dr. Nancy Washington and her husband Milton who are local philanthropists, civic leaders and lovers of the arts and without their support there would not have been the funds to build the August Wilson Center.

“I further support all persons who are working tirelessly to save the August Wilson Center and have its future in mind and at heart.”

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