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### **Council Member Robinson to Hold Public Hearing on Violence in Allegheny County**

23 March 2015 – During County Council’s Regular meeting on March 10, 2015, Council Member William Russell Robinson authored a motion to hold a public hearing on the topic of violence in Allegheny County which passed unanimously by Council.

The primary purpose of this hearing is to allow the opportunity for public comment regarding violence in Allegheny County, how the County is currently responding to community violence, as well as a discussion of possible additional remedies which could be realized through the funding of new County programs.

“County government must work more aggressively and effectively with the municipalities and citizens to ameliorate violence and its consequences within our community. I am holding this hearing to shed light on the problems our citizens face as a result of violence in the community and to facilitate a dialogue between our constituents, elected representatives and officials that serve them, to investigate how the County can be more involved. Anyone affected by violence is invited to participate and share their experiences. I am also inviting those in the community who are working in positive ways to aid victims and to prevent chronic violence through mentoring and services to those in need, because more awareness of available programs can also be a preventative factor in this ongoing battle.”

The public hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 31, at 5 p.m. in the Gold Room of the County Courthouse. Individuals wishing to speak must register in advance by 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 30, in accordance with the rules governing public comment at Council meetings. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on April 6, 2015.

For more information, contact Council Member Robinson at 412-350-6570.

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