

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Heather S. Heidelbaugh	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Jan Rea	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Michael J. Finnerty	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
William Russell Robinson	-	District 10
Terri Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12 (Via Telephone)
Amanda Green Hawkins	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

William McKain	-	County Manager
Joseph Catanese	-	Director of Constituent Services
Jared Barker	-	Director of Legislative Services
Walter Szymanski	-	Budget Director
Jack Cambest	-	Solicitor
Andrew Szefi	-	County Solicitor

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. We're going to start out with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. And remain standing for silent prayer or reflection. After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. We're going to go with Proclamation ---.

MR. CATANESE: Do the roll call?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Roll call. Roll call. I'm sorry.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Present.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. CATANESE: Fifteen (15) members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're going to go now with proclamations and certificates. We have our order a little mixed up, but we're going to start out with 9026-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificate of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Shaler Area High School Girls Lacrosse Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Division II Girls' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Members Kress and DeFazio.

MR. KRESS: Okay. If the Shaler Girls' Lacrosse could come up? No, you can stand right here. Do you have any words to say? We have a list of people. We have a large group. They're not even all here? Okay. They're not all here.

MS. PERESTOCK: They're training.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Well, we actually don't have everybody here. That's something.

So you have a pretty large team. But as a fellow Shaler Area graduate, I say welcome and congratulations for everything you've done. Thanks on a --- winning the WPIAL Division II Girls' Lacrosse Championship. That's a great honor. And again, this is your first step at success for the future. Sports is a very important thing. When you're successful in something, that leads to success in other areas. And who knows, you might be on County Council some day. I don't know if that's a success or not, but we'll see.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Don't wish that on anybody.

MR. KRESS: So I also have John DeFazio here. He's from Shaler Township also, and he wanted to say a couple of words. Go ahead, John.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Just like Ed said, I'm from Shaler, but I see now why this team was so successful. That's not even the whole team. You outmanned everyone. But I do want to congratulate the coaches and all the players. Congratulations. Thank you. Go ahead.

MR. KRESS: And now, I don't know if the coach wanted to come up and say a couple of words. We're going to put you on the spot.

MS. PERESTOCK: Hi. I'm Jen Perestock, the head coach for the team. I'd just like to say thank you very much for inviting us to recognize our team tonight or this afternoon. And I'm just very, very proud of this group of girls. They're hard working. They've done fantastic things. And congratulations not only to all of you, but especially to our group of seniors that are graduating this year because they certainly are a very special group. I think that's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. PERESTOCK: Would any seniors like to come up and say anything?

MR. KRESS: Come on. Let's see if we have any future politicians. Come on up. Anybody? Who's the captain of the team? Is she here?

MS. REGAN: Hi. I'm Neely Regan, and as everyone pointed out I was the captain for this past season. And I'm really proud of every single one of you. We've made it through a hell of a season. And excuse me. Excuse me for that. I am sorry.

MR. KRESS: We can leave that out, I think.

MS. REGAN: I'm really proud to --- and I can't wait to see what --- where the future holds for every one of you and especially the seniors, and of course everyone else in the rest of their high school career. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Abby Boyle (phonetic). Okay. Here's your proclamation. We're working this out here. Oh, and Abby, what's your position? Actually, why don't you come up here real quick because Councilman Finnerty had --- just mention your name and position.

MS. BOYLE: I'm Abby Boyle and I play low attack.

MR. KRESS. Okay. Whatever that is. Actually, I will have to take a lesson on lacrosse. We actually didn't have a lacrosse team when I went to school at Shaler, so it's something new for me. And then Shannon Lynch, please.

MS. LYNCH: Hi, I'm Shannon Lynch. I played, I guess, mid-field my senior year as the center. And I'm going to play lacrosse at Albany University next year.

MR. KRESS: Congratulations. Kara Janse (phonetic).

MS. JANSE: I'm Kara Janse. And I played low attack this year.

MR. KRESS: That's all right. Short and sweet is good. Shannon O'Leary.

MS. O'LEARY: I'm Shannon O'Leary, and I played low attack this year.

MR. KRESS: Thank you. Abigail Jezwick (phonetic).

MS. JEZWICK: I'm Abigail Jezwick, and I played defense this year.

MR. KRESS: Maddie App (phonetic).
MS. APP: I'm Maddie App and I played low
defense this year.
MR. KRESS: Maddie Whiteman (phonetic).
MS. WHITEMAN: I'm Maddie Whiteman and I played
Low attack this year.
MR. KRESS: Isabelle Harrison.
MS. HARRISON: I'm Isabelle Harrison and I
played low attack this year.
MR. KRESS: Sam Eckland.
MS. ECKLAND: I'm Sam Eckland and I played
midfield this year.
MR. KRESS: Ashley Warren.
MS. WARREN: I'm Ashley Warren and I played
defense.
MR. KRESS: Allie Graf.
MS. GRAFF: I'm Allie Graff and I played low
defense this year.
MR. KRESS: Kaylie (phonetic) Coyle.
MS. COYLE: I'm Kaylie Coyle, and I played
goalie all four years of high school.
MS. KRESS: Cristine Cafeo.
MS. CAFEO: I'm Cristine Cafeo and I played low
attack.
MR. KRESS: Shauna Talbot.
MS. TALBOT: I'm Shauna Talbot and I played
defense.
MR. KRESS: Bridget Stack.
MS. STACK: I'm Bridget Stack and I played
defense this year.
MR. KRESS: Juliana Whiteman (phonetic).
MS. WHITEMAN: I'm Juliana Whiteman and I played
defense.
MR. KRESS: Morgan Bendle.
MS. BENDLE: I'm Morgan Bendle and I played
mid-field this year.
MR. KRESS: Sarah Simpell (phonetic).
MS. SIMPELL: I'm Sarah and I played defense and
mid-field.
MR. KRESS: Neely Regan.
MS. REGAN: Hi, again. I'm Neely Regan and I
played mid-field this year. And I'm going to St. Leo
University to continue my career.
MR. KRESS: Thank you very much. That's it.
MS. PERESTOCK: Thank you.

MR. KRESS: And let's take some pictures then.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Read the proclamation.

MR. KRESS: Okay. All right. Allegheny County is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of all your outstanding athletic ability which was showcased in your winning season in which you earned the 2014-2015 WPIAL Division II Girls' Lacrosse Championship.

Your contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sport champions is to be commended. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in a celebration of distinguished achievement. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next, we're going to go with 90 --- when everybody moves back --- 9049-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation congratulating Chloe and Courtney Mardorf for winning Gold Medals in Double Bowling in the 2015 Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games. Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh and Rea.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: It's not very often that we have Olympian Gold Medalists in our midst, but we do tonight. It's quite a treat. Come on up. Now, first I want to introduce your parents. Who are your parents? Can they stand up and be recognized? Karl and Millie Boyd. And how many people here are your friends? Could they stand up? Family? Now, how many people were on your team? Do you have other team mates here? If you're on their team, come on up, too. Come on up. Nice to meet you. You're going to stand right here next to me.

On Friday, June 5th, --- now, do you know these girls are twins? Can anyone tell? Chloe and Courtney Mardorf of the town of McCandless --- Jan Rae is your representative right there --- won gold medals in Doubles Bowling in the 46th Annual Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games held at Penn State University in State College. I said they won.

WHEREAS, Chloe and Courtney have been bowling since they were very young. And they bowl every week at Perry Lanes with the North Stars Bowling League. And this is part of their league. Are you good, too?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Awesome. Whereas, in addition to competing as a team in bowling, they also, three days

per week at the UPMC Passavant/McCandless Campus, serve as volunteers and --- volunteers at Venetian Home and Animal Friends. So not only are they great bowlers, but they're great for the community.

Chloe and Courtney will also --- and this is obvious. I don't even know if I need to say this because this is so clearly obvious. You will be participating in the Ms. 22 Cuties Special Needs Beauty Pageant, duh, you're going to win that, too, on August 2nd, an event which strives to build physical and emotional, spiritual confidence in youth and young adults.

So I want to tell you girls that I am so proud of you and Ms. Rae is so proud of you, we wanted to have you come in and with all your team mates, and we just wanted to say thank you for representing Allegheny County and being winners. All of us here on County Council just want to say thank you. Just stand right here and say what you're going to say.

MS. COURTNEY MARDORF: We would like to thank the Allegheny Council for inviting us here today and for recognizing our achievements in winning the gold medal in bowling at the Special Olympics PA Summer Games event held last month at Penn State. This was our first time going to a state tournament. We were able to travel with 55 athletes and coaches from Allegheny County who also competed in this year's summer games. It was a wonderful experience for both of us and our parents who attended as coaches.

There are some very special people we would like to thank for making this all possible for us. First, Kathy Guy, Director of Our Special Olympics, Allegheny County Program. Kathy is the backbone in keeping our program strong. She organizes everything for the Special Olympics, Allegheny County program, the athletes and coaches throughout the year.

Speaking of coaches, we have the very best. Thank you to George Soo, Frank and Linda. Our coaches are volunteers generously give of their time to train us weekly for seven months at Perry Park Lanes. We are part of the North Stars and want to thank all of the volunteers and let them know we truly appreciate all they do in support of us athletes.

MS. CHLOE MARDORF: And lastly, to our family and friends thank you for your constant support. You are always there cheering us on and helping us raise the bar

higher and accomplishing anything we put minds and heart into. We love you all. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

MR. BAKER: Joe, can I get added as a co-sponsor, if you don't mind?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Mr. President, if I may, I'd like to be added as a co-sponsor as well.

MR. BAKER: And if it's okay, Mr. President, I'd just like to say for all of our 100-plus friends here, our number one fundraiser --- I just finished my four years on the State Board for Special Olympics. Our number one fundraiser every year is the Polar Plunge so if you love our Olympians, Special Olympians, make sure you jump in the river with us this December again. It's a challenge to everyone.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Number 9022-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation commending Collier Township for earning the 2015 Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the category of Innovative Community/Governmental Initiatives. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: He's not here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We'll go with 9023-15.

MR. CATANESE: Proclamation declaring Tuesday, July 7th, 2015 to be George R. Jucha, Jr. Day in honor of the life and work of George R. Jucha, Jr. Sponsored by Council Members Heidelbaugh, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rae, Robinson and Klein.

MR. FINNERTY: Joe, would you add me that, please?

MR. BAKER: Me, too, Joe.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Today, the citizens of Allegheny County remember the life and work of George Jucha, a member of Protect Our Parks, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, a small business owner, a brother and a son.

George was tragically killed by a drunk driver in Washington County on June 7th. I am joined here by his parents, Antoinette and George, Sr., his brother, Joe and his wife Jossa.

We are joined today to honor him by his friends and fellow members of Protect Our Parks, and I'd ask them to stand and be recognized.

Our County Council had the opportunity to meet George during the lengthy run up to the vote on the drilling under Deer Lakes Park. George, along with many members of Protect Our Parks and other citizens, came here often. These citizens were very interested in the issue and regularly attended our meetings, spoke at this podium and provided us their opinions and critical information necessary to the decision making process.

I remember George's turns at the podium distinctly because he was eloquent, well-versed on his subject matter, professional and informative. In addition, he was respectful of the process and of those of us who were charged with voting on the issue.

Mrs. Jucha, you and I had our first chance to meet, unfortunately, at the visitation. You were kind enough to tell me in your time of deep grief that George's participation in the public discourse surrounding Deer Lakes was extremely rewarding to him as he felt he had made a great difference in our community. Both you and he were right. He did make a difference.

You and I have a lot in common. We're neighbors in the great Mr. Rogers' sense of the word. We're mothers. And we both have sons that we are enormously proud of. When my son was a little boy, the first time he spoke, which I thought was a little late, I was a little worried, he talked for 20 minutes and didn't take a breath. And it started with what if. He said what if, mom. Since that day, whenever I am joyfully teasing him, I say, what if, Blake.

And to you, Mrs. Jucha, and to the friends of George who are gathered here today in his memory and to the citizens of Allegheny County who served --- who were served by his insightful intellect, I say, what if. What if on the eve of this nation's 239th anniversary of our independence, we had a republican form of democracy, but no one showed up? What if on the big issues of the day no one cared? What if ordinary citizens did not take time out of their day to care about the life of our neighborhood and our neighbors? What if no one cared about the water and the air? What if we didn't have neighbors like George Jucha?

On behalf of all of the citizens of Allegheny County, the members of County Council and myself, individually, please accept our heartfelt condolences at the tragic passing of your son who died at the hands of drunk driver and our deepest thank you for the valuable information he provided to us in making our important decision. Thank you.

MS. ANTOINETTE JUCHA: Thank you. First of all, I have to thank all of you for pronouncing that name properly. Nobody ever gets it right. We are humbled and proud to receive this incredible honor on behalf of our son. George, Jr. graduated from Slippery Rock University during very tough economic times. He had several job offers outside of the state and many people were telling him take one of them because there's nothing left here. He wouldn't have any of that. He loved it here and he wasn't leaving. He didn't believe the naysayers. He said we have a new future coming here and I want to be part of it. I refuse to cut and run.

We were thrilled then as we are now with his decision. And we thank this County and this City for being everything he knew it could be. For the hard work everybody does, no matter what side they're on. This place has been good to him, and he wanted to serve it in any way possible even if it meant doing something that made him very uncomfortable for him like speaking out. But when he saw a wrong, he had to try to right it.

Please accept the most humble and sincere thanks from our entire family, our friends, the community that George touched, his students at Pitt, to this whole area who let him flourish, to our politicians who listened. Even when they don't agree, they still listened. That's what we're all about.

We want to thank Pittsburgh 350 and most of all to the amazing Protect Our Parks family who welcomed him and gave our silent warrior a voice. We can never thank you enough for the joy, the fulfillment and the meaning you gave to his life when it was just all too brief.

George would want this work to be carried on in his memory. Let's continue to protect our region, to search everything out, to seek every answer and not cut and run. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Let it be known that on Tuesday, July 7th, it will be George Jucha Day throughout

all of Allegheny County. Let's go have our picture taken and we'll remember George.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9024-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Deer Lakes High School Girls' Softball Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AA Softball Championship. Sponsored by Council Members Futules and Kress.

MR. KRESS: All right. Here's what I have here. I have a so many proclamations here. Let's try to get this straightened out. We have one for the athletic director. Is he coming up? Come on, Charles. And we have Talliani.

Okay. We have up here the Girls' Deer Lakes High School Softball team, and they were the winner of the 2014-2015 WPIAL Class AA Softball Championship. So congratulations and again, on continued success ---. And again, it's another great honor to have you here. Thank you for coming.

Now, again, I'm going to offer, first of all, the extension to anyone on the Deer Lakes team if they want to say something; the athletic director, the coach. Anybody? Go ahead.

MR. TALLIANI: Mr. Kress, Mr. Futules and the rest of the County Council, we'd like to thank you for inviting us here this evening. It's a great honor for us to come here and to be able to celebrate this opportunity. When we hear the stories before us, though, it sort of puts things in perspective. Our hearts go out to the family of the Jucha's, of Mr. Jucha, who lost his life and makes sports seem a little bit insignificant.

But we sure do appreciate the accomplishments that we've made this year. And we'd like to thank you again for having us here, so thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: Anybody else? Athletic Director? I'm putting you on the spot. No? You're like me. I'm actually kind of quiet, too, so ---. Any of team members? Would they like to say anything? The captain? I mean, this is what we did with the Shaler's so ---. If Shaler's captain can say something ---.

MR. BAKER: Just don't swear.

MR. KRESS: Yeah. No swearing, please.

MS. GOZZARD: I won't swear. Okay.

MR. FINNERTY: If you're going to swear, you've got to ---.

MS. GOZZARD: I won't swear. Okay. Well, thank you to our coaches, our fans, everyone who supported us. I'm so proud of everyone. It was such a memorial season. Thank you. We slid all day so good job.

MR. KRESS: Real quick, I think Coach wants to say a couple of things.

MR. TALLIANI: The second medal is a silver medal and we were runners-up in the state championship game, so ---.

(Applause.)

MR. TALLIANI: Doing the best to stay modest. This team has, with our seniors, they've been to the WPIAL Championship game four years in a row. We've won our section four years in a row. They have compiled a record of, I believe, 82 and 8 over the last four years, so they really have put together a great program. And I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate them on that. So they've made some great accomplishments over the last four years so thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. KRESS: And again, it's a great honor for you to be here. And I think Councilman Futules wants to say something.

MR. FUTULES: I just want to take the opportunity to congratulate all the girls. Which one of you are seniors? Just one?

MR. TALLIANI: We have one that's not here.

MR. FUTULES: Just one.

MR. TALLIANI: She's on spring break.

MR. FUTULES: Well, the rest of you have got a lot more to look forward to in the coming years. And one thing about what you've done, this will carry on with you for the rest of your life. You'll be able to say that I won the WPIAL. And when you get my age, things that are important in high school become important the older you get in life. A lot of the people in the room could say --- could understand where we're coming from. But I always tell the kids that high school is probably the best time of your life. And take advantage of it in your sports and activities and your academic achievements. It's so important. It molds you for the rest of your life. So just keep that in mind this is the best time of your life, high school. Thank you.

MR. BAKER: College is better. College is better.

MR. KRESS: I thought maybe college might have been a better job. I don't know. Well, anyways, what I'd like to do is I'd like to call out the names of each of the players. And you can come up and get your proclamation. And you can state what position you were playing so ---. Here, you want to help me out. Those are for the coaches, I think. Cher Robson (phonetic).

MS. ROBSON: Hi, I'm Cher Robson and I'm an infielder.

MR. KRESS: Tiffany Edwards? Not here?

MR. TALLIANI: Senior trip.

MR. KRESS: Sarah Blinn.

MS. BLINN: I'm Sarah Blinn and I'm the catcher.

MR. KRESS: Maria Talliani.

MS. TALIANI: I'm Maria Talliani and I'm the left fielder, and that's my dad right there, so ---.

MR. KRESS: A proud father.

MR. TALIANI: Absolutely.

MR. KRESS: Rachel Tanilli.

MS. TANILLI: I'm Rachel Tanilli and I'm the right fielder.

MR. KRSES: I'd just like to say Katie Anthony is not here. Danielle Hoffman. No? Okay. Brittany Dengler.

MS. DENGLER: Hi, I'm Brittany Dengler and I'm the third baseman.

MR. KRESS: Stephanie Drapela.

MS. DRAPELA: I'm Stephanie Drapela and I'm the second baseman.

MR. KRESS: Christina Hoffman. She's not here to my understanding, so okay, Katie Gozzard.

MS. GOZZARD: I'm Katie Gozzard and I play shortstop, and I'm going to play at Penn State Behrend.

MR. KRESS: Katelynn Blair, she couldn't make it, but I just wanted to read her name off. Maureen Hutchinson.

MS. HUTCHINSON: I'm Maureen Hutchinson and I play center field.

MR. KRESS: Casey Beekle (phonetic).

MS. BEEKLE: I'm Casey Beekle and I play outfield.

MR. KRESS: Hayley (phonetic) Klingensmith.

MS. KLINGENSMITH: I'm Hayley Klingensmith and I play outfield and team manager.

MR. KRESS: And I just wanted to read this proclamation.

This Certificate of Achievement is awarded to the 2014-2015 Deer Lakes High School Softball team in recognition of winning the 2014-2015 WPIAL Class AA Softball Championship.

We commend and recognize each player and coach whose determination and resolve led to this achievement.

The team has set a positive example of excellence for all of Allegheny County, continued evidence that this is the County of Champions.

This achievement has conferred honor on this County and it's an accomplishment in which the entire community can be proud of. So thank you very much.

All right. If the coaches want to introduce themselves, go right ahead.

MR. FUTULES: Just tell us your name.

MR. EDWARDS: I'm Rich Edwards. Tiffany is my daughter. She's the pitcher. She's on spring break with her girlfriends and she can't be here today, but she's enjoying herself.

MR. YURISH: My name is John Yurish (phonetic). I work with the outfielders for this fantastic team.

MR. KRESS: No, we're not going to --- you have to come up and say something.

MR. BELLISARIO: Hello. Charles Bellisario, athletic director. And I am very proud of these ladies. They did a great job this year. They've done a great job for years. They're model student athletes at Deer Lakes. And my coaching staff, my head coach, my assistants, the time they put in is just --- it's unbelievable so thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9025-15.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Hampton High School Boys' Lacross Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Division II Boys' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

MR. KRESS: May the team please come up? Are the coaches here? Okay. All right. That's okay.

I want to congratulate the Hampton High School 2015 Boys' Lacrosse team for wining their 2014-2015 WPIAL

Division II Boys' Lacrosse Championship. Again, I have to say that's another great honor. Thank you for coming. Again, success in sports will translate hopefully to success in the future. And it will. So I'm very proud of you. Thank you for coming here. But the question is, though, since no coach is here, who wants to come up and say something? You're the designee. Right here. Go ahead and introduce yourself, please.

MR. GERAUD: Hi, I'm Christopher Geraud. I was one of the five team captains this year. And unfortunately, our coach is sick and indisposed. He couldn't go to work today. He couldn't come here. He'd really like to apologize for that. I drew the short straw on speaking here. I'd like to ---.

MR. KRESS: It's not that bad.

MR. GERAUD: Not too bad, but I'd like ---.

MR. KRESS: Just no swearing, please.

MR. GERAUD: Oh, okay. I'd like to say thank you very much to our parents who continue to support through four years for me and everyone who supported us. It was a long season. We'd like to thank everyone who helped us to get to where we won the championship. We'd like to thank you guys very much for honoring us. And we're very happy we could be here. Thank you.

MR. KRESS: What I'm going to do ---. Were you the captain?

MR. GERAUD: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: I'm going to call each person up here and you can pick up your proclamation. Just explain who you are and what --- your position you played in lacrosse. Luke Anderson.

MR. ANDERSON: I'm Luke Anderson and I played midfield.

MR. KRESS: Nick Bayha.

MR. GERAUD: He's not here.

MR. KRESS: Kurt Brautigam.

MR. BRAUTIGAM: I'm Kurt Brautigam and I play mid-field.

MR. KRESS: Isaac Capezzuti.

MR. CAPEZZUTI: I'm Isaac Capezzuti. I play attack.

MR. KRESS: Robert Clifford.

MR. CLIFFORD: Hi, I'm Rob Clifford and I play defense.

MR. KRESS: Dante DiBucci.

MR. DIBUCCI: I'm Dante DiBucci and I play attack.

MR. KRESS: Steve DiBucci. Not here. Is that your brother?

MR. DIBUCCI: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: Okay. Bradley Gabble. Not here. Christopher Jerard.

MR. GERAUD: Hi, I'm Christopher Geraud. I played goalie. That's it.

MR. KRESS: Jack Urban. Okay. Who haven't I called? Nicholas Grabowski.

MR. GRABOWSKI: I'm Nick Grabowski and I play attack.

MR. KRESS: Nathan Hyre.

MR. HYRE: Hi. I'm Nathan Hyre and I played midfield this year.

MR. KRESS: Ryan Samber.

MR. SAMBER: I'm Ryan Samber and I played midfield.

MR. KRESS: I'd like to thank you again for coming. I'm going to read this proclamation.

Allegheny County is proud to present this Certificate of Achievement in recognition of your outstanding athletic ability which was showcased in your winning season during which you earned the 2014-2015 WPIAL Division II Boys' Lacrosse Championship.

Your contribution to Allegheny County's long legacy of sports champions is to be commended.

On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County, we join with you in celebration of your distinguished achievement. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9027-15 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. CATANESE: Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Quaker Valley High School Girls' Lacrosse Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Division I Girls' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Rea.

9028-15. Proclamation declaring Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 to be Me and Earl and Dying Girl Day in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Baker.

9029-15. Proclamation recognizing and thanking Erin Graney for her dedicated service to Allegheny County

Council. Sponsored by Council Members Ellenbogen, Baker, DeFazio, Finnerty, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Klein, Kress, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere, Rae and Robinson.

9030-15. Certificate of Achievement awarded to Maria Lohman of the 2014-2015 Chartiers Valley High School Diving Team for winning the 2015 PIAA and WPIAL Class AAA Girls' Diving Championships. Sponsored by Council Member Finnerty.

9031-15. Proclamation honoring in memoriam Oliver Randall Montgomery, Sr., noted retired director of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees. Sponsored by Council Member Green Hawkins.

9032-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Central Catholic High School Baseball Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AAAA Baseball Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Klein.

9033-15. Proclamation congratulating the 2015 Mooseheart Community Spirit Award winners. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9034-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Fox Chapel Area Senior High School Boys' Volleyball Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Volleyball Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

9035-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Mt. Lebanon High School Boys' Lacrosse Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Division I Boys' Lacrosse Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9036-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 Upper St. Clair High School Boys' Tennis Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AAA Boys' Tennis Team Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

9037-15. Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony and Marilyn D'Atri upon the occasion of their 59th wedding anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9038-15. proclamation congratulating Ms. Joan Schubert upon the occasion of her retirement after 56 years of dedicated service as a librarian to the Baldwin Whitehall School District. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

9039-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the 2014-2015 North Allegheny Senior High School Boys' Track Team for winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AAA Boys'

Track Team Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Rae.
9040-15. Certificates of Achievement awarded to
the 2014-2015 Sewickley Academy Boys' Tennis Team for
winning the 2015 WPIAL Class AA Boys' Tennis Team
Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Rea.

9041-15. Proclamation declaring Friday, June
26th, 2015 to be Jazz on the Hillside Day in Allegheny
County. Sponsored by Council Member Robinson.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll now go down to Public
Comment on Agenda Items.

MR. FUTULES: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. FUTULES: I want to take a moment to ask for
an Exec Session on regarding pay structure for our staff.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll take a quick recess to
go in the back for a minute.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: On the Agenda Items, was it
John Roach? James Roach. Is James here?

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, here he is.

MR. ROACH: Good evening. My name is James
Roach. I live at 3472 Thornwood Drive, Bethel Park, PA.
I'm a lifelong resident of Allegheny County for 62-plus
years. I'm a recent retiree from the Department of Public
Works after 43 years of dedicated service to Allegheny
County.

I'm here today hoping to address the residency
policy. I thought it would be easier if you followed the
handout provided.

It's an employee handbook from January 1st, 2008
when it went into effect. The next page is an
acknowledgment of receipt signed by the employee. Then
there's a residency requirement on the next page. On page
six, the Home Rule Charter and Administrative Code both
address the residency policy.

Page 15, the residency policy clearly states
Allegheny County does not require an Applicant for
employment to be a resident of Allegheny County at the
time of application. However, within one year of
appointment and acceptance of a position, an employee will
be required to move and live within Allegheny County for
the duration of employment.

Furthermore, before beginning employment, the
Applicant will be required to sign a Residency Requirement
Affidavit. However, no person employed by the County who

is a resident of Allegheny County at the time of the adoption of provision of the Administrative Code or in the future shall establish residency outside of the County while continuing their employment by Allegheny County.

In other words, regardless of the position, no employee may move out of Allegheny County after establishing residency without forfeiting their employment.

There are some exemptions to the policy, but may not move out of Allegheny County once they establish the residency.

The Department of Public Works has a human resources administrative manager who enforces the handbook, but moved to Westmorland County in 2013. When I questioned Marlene Lord, she said the County does not enforce the residency policy. I called human resource for the County and was told they do enforce the residency policy.

I find it very hypocritical that she can enforce the policies to a T, but does not have to live by the policies herself. Please let's address the residency policy that is in place before making any more changes. Thank you.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Mr. President, may I have a point of personal privilege?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say before Mr. Roach was a Public Works supervisor, he served under me as a supervisor when I was Chief of Operations in Special Emergency Services. And I just wanted to say that I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the times that Mr. Roach put himself in personal harm's way for many, many years over many of the emergencies that this County --- from tornados to plane crashes to whatever and I want to congratulate him his retirement, that he has done a superb job for this County. And his talents as a emergency guy were truly wasted in Public Works because that was his --- really his forte. And I personally thank him. I worked with him. And I would get in a foxhole with him any time. Thank you.

MR. ROACH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Approval of Minutes. We have none; is that correct? Presentation of Appointments. We have none. Unfinished Business?

MR. FUTULES: Sure. Okay. Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.
MR. FUTULES: At this time, I'd like to make a motion to approve the staff pay structure for 2015.
MR. FINNERTY: Second.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second. Under remarks. Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye. (All Ayes Respond)
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Do you want to take ---?
MR. CATANESE: Roll?
MR. CATANESE: Yeah, do a roll call.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?
MR. BAKER: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?
MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?
MR. FINNERTY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: 11, yes; 4, no. The bill passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 8983-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the appointment of John Palmiere to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board, CCAC Board, for a term to expire on April 23, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll make a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second? Anyone want to ---? Someone want to make a second?

MS. MEANS: Oh, I will.

MR. FINNERTY: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: That should be Jan Rae.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MS. RAE: Thank you, Mr. President. We have a motion and a second for Mr. Palmiere for the CCACC position.

MS. HEDIBELBAUGH: May I ask a question?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is this a seat that is designed for a Council member?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.

MS. RAE: No, it's not.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Nay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We have one so ---. All right. Let's go with 9002-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Mona Generett to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board, CCAC Board, for a term to expire on April 23, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jan?

MS. RAE: Thank you. The Committee met and moved to approve her to full Council for the CCAC Board position, and I need a motion, please.

MR. FINNERTY: So moved.

MS. MEANS: I make a motion.

MR. FUTULES: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All Ayes Respond)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9006-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Thomas Sray to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2018. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Committee met and recommends that Mr. Sray be reappointed to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board. And I need a motion to do so.

MR. FINNERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone ---.

MS. RAE: I'll make a motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, she wants someone to make ---.

MR. FINNERTY: Oh, I'll make the motion.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Then we need a second.

MS. RAE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Somebody want to second it?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.
9008-15.

MR. CATANESE: Approving the reappointment of Anthony Saveikis to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2017. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes. The Committee met and recommends that Mr. Saveikis be reappointed to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board. And I need a motion to do so.

MR. FUTULES: I'll make that motion.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Question.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Is this the same Anthony Saveikis that's District Justice Anthony Saveikis?

MR. FINNERTY: Uh-huh (yes).

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks? Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Committee on Budget and Finance, Second Reading. 9010-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2015 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Mike, do you want to say something?

MR. FINNERTY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. This was moved from the Committee to full Council with an affirmative recommendation, and I make a motion that we pass it.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15; no's, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9011-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the 2015 Capital Budget for Allegheny County. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was moved from the Committee with an affirmative recommendation. I'll make a motion to approve it.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? We'll have the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15; no's, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll go to 9012-15.

MR. CATANESE: A resolution ratifying certain year-end transfers pursuant to Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. Again, this was moved from Committee with an affirmative recommendation. And I make a motion that we approve it.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have the roll call.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?

MS. RAE: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 15; no's, 0. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Committee on Health and Human Services, Second Reading. 9009-15.

MR. CATANESE: An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 1007.11 of County Administrative Code, codified on Chapter 5 of the County Code of Ordinances as Article 1007.11 to provide for an exclusion from the residency requirement for County employment for health care personnel at the Allegheny County Jail. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This was sent to the full Council with an affirmative recommendation. And I need a motion, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Some one want to ---?

MR. FUTULES: So moved.

DR. MARTONI: I'll second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I have some questions for the County Manager. Good evening.

MR. MCKAIN: Good evening.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So Mr. Roach just came and spoke to us, a former County employee, and provided us with the employee handbook, and told us that the person who is responsible for enforcing the employee handbook is a woman named Marlene Lord; is that correct?

MR. MCKAIN: She is an employee in Public Works.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Is she, in fact, a resident of Westmoreland County?

MR. MCKAIN: I don't know.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Do we do what the gentleman said?

MR. MCKAIN: The Law Department reviewed that situation along with others. And Andy is here, but as far as we know, we're in compliance; correct?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Andy, do you know anything about this? You haven't been to the podium in a while so I thought you might be missing it.

MR. SZEFI: I don't know personally where Ms. Lord lives, but I'll take his word for it that she lives in Westmoreland County. This is a matter that the Law Department has been working through HR. Of the 4,500 or so employees subject to this provision of the Code, this one, we're looking into exactly where she lived, when she moved there. It's not as simple as just she lives there now and she's in violation. It is a personnel matter that

we'd prefer not to discuss publicly because we are looking into it. But we're aware of it. And it is not just as simple, as I said, as this is where she lives and she's in violation.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, my concern is --- because he came here and he's raised this issue I'm concerned that we would have unequal treatment of our employees. That's a number one concern. So I'm not prepared to vote on this tonight myself until I thoroughly understand the lay of the land and that.

Number two, I would like some explanation because I couldn't go to the committee meeting as to the factual basis for this. So we're going to be switching from Corizon and we're going to be transiting to Allegheny Health Network.

MR. SZEFI: Right.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And I assume that the reason why we want to do this is because we have some information or some predication that we're going to need employees outside of Allegheny County. So can you give me that information?

MR. MCKAIN: Yes. When we switch to Allegheny Health, you know, it's going to be --- we're negotiating with them essentially to have some professionals like doctors, psychiatrists, those type of professionals. This is really geared toward --- the Corizon employees have negotiated with the United State Steelworkers, we are negotiating with the Steelworkers, to have them come over and be our employees. The union has asked us that they have some members that could be transferring over that are already outside of the County. That's one issue.

The second issue is we've done this in other categories like nurses that came and are caseworkers at Human Services. So the spirit of our recommendation is we all want it to succeed and get better at Geomedical, and we would like to be able to have all the resources available to us. At the committee meeting, Dennis Biondo was there as the Director of Kane and talked through --- when he runs through shortages and how he wants to make sure that --- you know, 24/7 operations. So it's really in the spirit that we have all tools in our toolbox to allow all the staffing to be available at the Geomedical. And also because there are some current members that were negotiating with the union who are actually --- are outside the County. They've asked us.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Can I ask just two more questions?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. How many are in the United Steelworkers bargaining unit that you're worried about?

MR. MCKAIN: Oh, how many that are outside? I don't know. I mean, they have potentially 80 to 100, but I'll put that aside, that we --- really am asking to have the ability just like the Department of Human Services does with child care and nurses at Kane. We think this is an appropriate exemption to make sure we have no gaps in staffing in this.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. And my second question is, do --- has Allegheny County Health Network or any of that sort of consortium you're putting together, have any of that group come to you and said we don't think we're going to be able to staff this with Allegheny County Health Network?

MR. MCKAIN: No. And again, we are staffing it. They're our employees, the nurses, ---. The only thing we're doing with Allegheny Health Network is that they're providing --- and we're still working out the number of doctors and psychiatrists and nurse practitioners and those professionals. So really it's the --- rest are going to be our employees. It's a hybrid approach, the nurses and that. They have not talked to us about our personnel.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Well, okay, so what --- I'm trying to find out what is the factual basis that you believe that you're going --- not going to be able to meet the current employee needs? I mean, what are you basing that on?

MR. MCKAIN: Well, a couple of things. Kane's experiences with their nurses. Also, you know, Corizon, has allegedly had trouble recruiting people. We want to make sure that we have everything in our toolbox to get them. Obviously, we'd like to hire all Allegheny County employees, but I don't want to have any shortages at the jail with staffing on a 24/7 operation. And Kane, you know, shared their experiences at the committee meeting, when those holes occur, that they actually had the ability to do that. And so that experience, and also it's a profession that is very admirable, but many of the people that come out --- in talking to Allegheny Health people

that are nurses and medical, they will go, typically, to a hospital or to a doctor's office. Not everyone goes into a correctional facility.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Right.

MR. MCKAIN: So we wanted to be able to have all the resources available.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Who called?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Bill.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, go ahead.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. McKain. And I'm concerned that in the last couple of weeks, two employees, one --- two former employees of our County Jail, for want of a better identification, have taken it upon themselves to boldly come before the County Council which has no direct ability to supervise the jail or make any decisions about the jail, to list with us on the public record some concerns that they have, Ms. Bay last week or at the last meeting, and now Mr. Roach. In the midst of that, this Council is being asked to provide an exemption that at least the administration feels and Corizon feels will help improve things at the County Jail. It seems to me we're moving a bit fast.

If I might ask Mr. McKain, without compromising anyone's situation, a couple of questions. One, are you aware of Mr. Roach's concern and how long will it take you now that you have been informed on the public record of his concern to resolve this issue with a person who I presume is still an employee of this County and may be in violation of, let me call it, the law.

MR. SZEFI: Well, just to clarify, Mr. Roach is not a jail employee. He was retired, but he was with Public Works.

MR. ROBINSON: I'm sorry. I apologize.

MR. SZEFI: So as far as we're concerned, we've looked at it. It is resolved. We have looked at it and we don't find that individual to be in violation of the Code. So I mean, I understand that Mr. Roach has a right to have his opinion and his interpretation. We disagree with it, so I would opine that it is resolved.

MR. ROBINSON: Taking into consideration the correction in which you made to my statement, and I certainly accept that and I apologize, it seems to me the fact that Mr. Roach, a former employee of this County and

Ms. Bay, a former employee of this County, have taken it upon themselves to boldly come to this Council and ask us to look into their situations and help them, we ought to pause. We've had other former employees and employees of this County do the same thing. I'm unaware of any resolution that we have been involved in even though we have been asked.

My question for Mr. McKain stems from the anxiety that I experienced at our last meeting among people who thought we might be able to do something, but were informed it was either done, we couldn't do it or we just wished they would go away. I think the situation at the jail is significantly to our disadvantage and has been so for all the years I've been here. This Council has been aware, has been made aware, of problems at the County Jail. We have done little or nothing. Now, we're being asked to provide a legal exemption for yet to be identified employees in the midst of what I understand is an ongoing situation with Ms. Bay. And Mr. Roach's concern, with all due respect to Mr. Szeifi's assessment of it, is not resolved and this Council is unaware, Mr. Szeifi, that it is resolved. That's your opinion. That is not a fact.

If it's a fact, present to us some evidence before you support giving this exemption to unidentified people. Mr. McKain was clear in saying there are about 4,500 people that may or may not be in compliance with the law in terms of residency. He said nothing about how long it's going to take this County to determine whether they are or not. Mr. Szeifi --- Mr. McKain, how long will it take you and your staff to determine if the 4,500 employees plus of this County, including members, people who work for County Council, if they are in compliance with the current law?

MR. MCKAIN: We review everyone that gets hired here during the orientation that's provided with the Administrative Code and Home Rule Charter. There are exemptions. We share that with them. They have to move in here within a year. That's for the Executive Branch employees. The 4,500 is a number that Mr. Szeifi said that report up to the Executive Branch. If there are any --- they are all reviewed. As Mr. Roach brings up things like tonight and if others come to our attention, we review them. If there are any that are in question, it's a very, very, very small --- I can tell you confidently a very

high significant majority are without a doubt in compliance. We review this periodically and we monitor it.

As far as Ms. Bay when she was here, she has rights. She is actually under a collective bargaining agreement. We don't discuss personnel matters, but she did share that with Council. She has union representation. The reason why we are here and the timing of this is the contract with Corizon ends August the 31st, so we wanted to come to Council now before the break to ask for their consideration as we negotiate with Allegheny Health, as we contract with other vendors that are necessary to provide the services, as we hire administrators and how we bring over the qualified people that we deem working with the United State Steelworkers.

So we do think that it's appropriate to come to this Council now because in a month of August --- I don't want to flip the switch on September the 1st. We want to start interviewing and bringing people on. And again, the union has asked us for consideration of that because they have some current members. But projecting out, just like Kane, just like Human Services, you get 9-1-1 telecommunications. There are certain classifications that we ask for permission so we can have the availability to move on 24/7 sensitive matters.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, thank you for your indulgence. If I might just ask a couple of other questions because I think every member of this Council fully understands the gravity of providing the Administration with the ability to enforce this exemption. Regardless of our present situation and who we think is qualified and who we think is not qualified, nothing has been presented to this Council to give us any assurance that, one, the change from Corizon to Allegheny Health Network is going to make things any better at the jail. If that assurance has be given to members of the Council, I'm unaware of it.

Two, it seems obvious to me that the concerns that are being brought to us either by e-mail, personal conversations, sidebars, what have you, about the operation of our jail, are part of a continuing problem at the jail, some of which have ended up in Federal Court. We're being asked to give to the Executive Branch the ability to pick and choose mainly based on someone's union

membership who they think is qualified to serve at the jail.

My question is what assurance, documented assurance, can Mr. McKain give us for the statements he's made about these periodic and random reviews to determine who and who is not in this County on the County payroll in compliance with the law relative to residency? With all due respect to Mr. Szefi and the law and the personnel, you're asking us to give to the Administration, essentially to Mr. McKain and Mr. Szefi, the ability to hire and okay people who may live in Oakland, California based on their expertise.

I'd just like to know when can we get some more solid assurances of what you gentleman are going to do if we give you authorization?

MR. MCKAIN: As far as monitoring, we can respond and I can do that. But it is in collaboration with HR. When an employee is brought in, it is communicated to them our policy and our ordinance and our Administrative Code. In addition to that, there is communications from HR and the Department to monitor that, and then ultimately with the Law Department if we get into a situation where it isn't in compliance.

So we can communicate, you know, through Mr. DeFazio, you know, and outline for you how to monitor that. But it is a very typical process. And again, I can confidently tell you it's a good process. And if there is any then that are in question it's a very, very small number. And as they come up, like when Mr. Roach brought it up, the Law Department has already reviewed it. And you heard Mr. Szefi say that we believe we're in compliance. And I believe him.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute. I have one here. First was Representative Jimmy Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Yeah. I don't need these gentlemen right here. I just have some comments about this. All the way back since when I was Chief of Operations of the Special Services, I had well over 500 employees. And I know that there were loopholes and people that didn't live in this County. And you know, I was unsuccessful in that.

One thing I do know as an elected official, there are 88 city neighborhoods and there are 139

municipalities. If you can't find somewhere to live in them, then go work somewhere else. You know, if we were bringing Thomas Starzl or Jonas Salk or something, I'd say, you know, that's an exception. They are experts in this area. But I know one thing about the 1,300,000 people that live in this County, they want the people that take their money, tax money, to pay taxes to the municipalities that they live in. I know that for a fact. And the proof of it is that if you want to take a microcosm of it, go across the street and look what happened with the City police force, how they've been battling to move out of the City and the public is like, no way. They don't want it.

You know, personally, I want the people that work here to pay their taxes where they live. That's how I feel about it. I'm not going to disparage these gentlemen right here. I know they work hard to do what they need to do. That's a personal opinion and I know that's what my constituents want. To me, this opens the door for I don't know what. You know, here's an exception here. Here's an exception there. Based on just my own feeling and my constituents, to me these folks need to move into the City if they want to work here. That's how I feel about it. You know, I know cities that recruit people in Florida for nurses and things like that that'll come and work. You know, these are just employees and this give --- you know, with all due respect to, you know, the union personnel, this gives a foothold to open up the gates to allow the people to work here and pay taxes elsewhere.

Now, I'm going to steal a page from across the hall. We have been told for years how the taxes in the other counties are half of what we pay. So you know what? Maybe I --- you know what I mean? Why not live in another county, pay half the taxes and go to the other county and live? And that's how I feel about it. And it's nothing against how the folks feel against, you know, across the hall. That's just how I, as a taxpayer, feel about it and as an elected official feel about it.

You want to work here? Live here. You know, if you can transplant somebody's brain, I'll give you that consideration. Other than that, I'm against this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means and then Amanda, you'll be after Nick. Sue, you had your

hand ---.

MS. MEANS: Yes. Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I feel like there's two separate issues right here before us tonight. One, as a healthcare professional and a nurse and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I understand the urgency to begin recruiting and employing people to work at the jail. I know I can't give you an assurance, Mr. Robinson, but we all know we have to do something. And I do think Allegheny County Health Network will do something. I do think it's okay. I'm comfortable with the exceptions because I know as a nurse it would take a very special person to work in the jail, and I'm not that special person. So I think it would be hard to find people to work there and so I'm in support of this exemption, although the other issue is of great concern to me, that a noted, respected past employee of the County came to us this evening and told us that we have one employee out of compliance.

So I would feel better if I knew that the County was going to another periodic review of all our employees, because just today I had a constituent tell me that they have --- they know of 19 members that work --- employees of the County who do not live in Allegheny County. And they have done things like they lived there, then they moved away. So they were living here, but then they moved out of the County. And then they moved back and then they moved ---.

So I know over 4,000 people to review sounds like a task. But it sounds like we're talking about two different things, so I think we need a --- I would feel more comfortable with another periodic review. And I'll see if the constituent that I spoke to today might be able to give me a list of those specific people they have concerns with. But I am in favor of this because we need to move forward. It takes time to recruit and interview qualified people to work in the jail. Thank you very much for recognizing me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes. Thank you. I agree with Sue. You're absolutely correct as far as how important it is because we've all been concerned about the jail and we're trying to fix it. But my question is I wasn't at the committee meeting so I'm going to assume that --- take the face of this bill --- that you're going to look for people

to live in the County first. And if by chance, you run out of candidates ---

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. FUTULES: --- for the sake of safety for this jail, you're going to seek elsewhere.

MR. MCKAIN: That's the spirit of it, yes. I just want that in our toolbox if we need it if we run into gaps in staffing and those types of things.

MR. FUTULES: So I didn't know if that was emphasized, the fact that you are going to seek out County ---

MR. MCKAIN: Without a doubt.

MR. FUTULES: --- employees first.

MR. MCKAIN: That would be the emphasis, but we want to have the ability just like they do at Kane and for a child care workers.

MR. FUTULES: That makes me feel good.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for the County Council Solicitor, Mr. Cambest, regarding my ability to vote on this. During the discussions, it has been revealed that the County has had discussions with the Steelworkers Union about employees and residency requirements, and the union perhaps asking that something like this be done because of members who are expected to work at the jail. And it's no secret that I work for the Steelworkers Union. In fact, I'm a confidential employee for the Steelworkers Union. And I wanted to get your perspective or guidance on if this is something that I should be part of the vote on or if I should abstain.

MR. CAMBEST: Yeah. As I understand the law, unless it would affect you personally, you're permitted to vote. Also, under the State Ethics Law, I believe that as long as you're dealing with a group of people --- this would be the Steelworker's Union and not an individual --- you would be permitted to vote.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just wanted to say whatever happened to --- you know, we're going to give you a job. I have people that work for me now who have moved across the country that have said, you know, you have a year or two to move into this area. Whatever happened to that? If somebody is going to sit here on this Council and tell

me, well, you know, we looked here first and we couldn't find anybody. I got news for you. I got résumés stacked this high asking me for jobs, just from here.

Now, if you got people across this country that you advertise this, I'd be willing to bet anything --- anybody wants to bet that there are a lot of people that say, you know what, I'm 28 years old, Pittsburgh's happening. I'd like to move there. Give me a year to move in there. And that's how I feel about it. For anybody to tell me different, I believe, is really not in touch with what's going on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Finnerty.

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'm actually in favor of this. And if you take a look at the resolution itself --- and I was at the meeting, as Councilman Means was. And if you look at the last page of it, it's already talking about registered nurses at John J. Kane Regional Center. It's licensed practical nurses at John J. Kane Regional Center, and it's adding another line, individuals employed as health care personnel at Allegheny County Jail. That's what it's doing. It's adding that to it.

Now, I would prefer the people that we employ live in Allegheny County. But we also have to realize that sometimes we come across people that are well qualified that don't live in Allegheny County and they would do a good job. If we have two people, then we're going to take the person from Allegheny County, I would assume.

We also know, as was mentioned, that the City of Pittsburgh Police Force is having a very difficult time recruiting. We in Scott Township have hired three City of Pittsburgh police. Collier Township has two. The thing of it is is that people move out of the City and that's a shame, but that happens that way. And they have a requirement that you must stay --- you must live in the City. And they want to change that. And I could see why. And we, at the same time, have to be able to staff as we take over the jail situation. I can't say positively 100 percent for sure that we are going to do a fantastic job with the Jail Healthcare Center. We've already done it. We've been there. We've took care of that jail, the healthcare system. We went over budget millions doing it, and we probably will again. But we will, I believe --- with our Administration and our managers, I believe that

we will put our best foot forward and give it one heck of a try again.

I think it's important that you have the people to do that. I mean, we're talking about two different things here. As Councilwoman Means has said, you're talking about somebody that came here to complain about somebody living outside of the district. And a few people that said, you know, I know five or six people that live outside of Allegheny County that are working in Allegheny County. That's a different issue. That's a completely different issue than what we're talking about now. We're talking about healthcare professionals. That's what we're talking about, vetting the right professionals --- just like we had to do at Kane Regional, is we had to go --- we had to get nurses from outside Allegheny County because we couldn't get nurses. And if you know anything about the Kanes, you also know that they have --- if they have to go out and hire a part-time nurse because they have a vacancy, it costs a tremendous amount of money to keep doing that.

So what we've done and --- we've said that if we can get nurses outside of Allegheny County, we'll take them if they're qualified. And like Councilwoman Means said, it takes a special person to work in that jail. I mean, we're short of psychiatrists down there. We're short of doctors there. We have to get people to be able to do the job. We have to have qualified people. And that means if we have to go outside the County, we have to go outside the County. And hopefully, once they get a job in the County, they'll see what a great County this is and maybe move here, because outside of the County the taxes are getting higher and higher. Butler alone raised it 42 percent. So if you stop and think about it, there are many things out there --- and the whole counties around us have raised it much more than we ever did. In fact, we went back backwards.

So this is something that we're looking at that I think we have to --- we have to be able to go out and get people that are qualified that can do the job. And so I support this for that reason. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Hawkins and then we'll go down this way.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm grateful for the comments of my fellow Council members, Sue Means and Mr. Finnerty. They made some valid

points about qualifications and the urgency within which we need to look at some replacements given the Corizon contract expiring. However, I do want to caution my colleagues that when talking about the situation with the jail and recruiting to not necessarily compare it with the situation that the Pittsburgh Police face because we know from media reports and so forth that the recruitment problem doesn't necessarily stem from disinterest, but that it could also be compounded by racism or discrimination in the recruitment application process. So that may also play a role there.

So I think we're comparing apples and oranges and not necessarily McIntosh apples to McIntosh apples. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll go down this way, then we'll be back to you. Who had their hands up down there? I think it was Sue first and then we'll go to Representative Robinson.

MS. MEANS: No. I'm good.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you good? Then Representative Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of Council. I won't hold you long, but I think Mr. Ellenbogen with his vast experience and personal contact with people relative to this issue has spoke eloquently about our conundrum. Our Chief Executive has said on several occasions from the very podium that Mr. McKain and Mr. Szefi are using that Allegheny County is great place to live and has extolled all the virtues of our County.

Aside from I wouldn't expect him to say anything else, I think Mr. Ellenbogen has suggested that it's a good place to work, it's a good place to live. And I think we should consider that seriously before we rush to what we believe is a solution to the Corizon problem. The death of people in the custody of this County has brought us to this point, not poor service from Corizon. Let's just be honest about that. We have heightened the expectation of mothers and other family members related to the people who are deceased who expect us to do something. That's why I'm speaking up and pressing us to take a little time and do it right.

Otherwise, we're going to be here again or may get ourselves tangled up in lawsuits as the Administration is tangled up. And thank goodness we're not involved to

this point. And hopefully those lawsuits are resolved to each party's satisfaction which is probably a pipe dream.

This Council has the ability through the President to call a special meeting as inconvenient, as it might be, to address this issue of residency. This is, as I see it, a sweeping authorization, not only for brain surgeons, but for anybody else who might work at our county jail. I think that we might just want to slow down and take our time.

Also, I think it's important to answer the question of assurances for this Council. I think Ms. Means is right, that there are certain people who can't work at the county jail. There are certain people who can't work at the Kane Hospital. Allegheny County Community College, as I've said on several occasions, produces more nurses than other institution in the State of Pennsylvania and is one of the leading producers of nurses across America, maybe number two or three. I'm not going to speak to whether or not any of those people could work at the County Jail.

I'm just saying let's get our message straight. On the one hand, we tell people this is a great place to live and there's a great opportunity here. We're making great progress. But we're spending a lot of time trying to determine if this County is good enough to live in if you work here and whether we should give a sweeping exemption. Not case by case. I'd rather do it case by case. Bring me the brain surgeon. Bring me the licensed practical nurse that you need down there at the jail. I think we don't want mothers, fathers and others coming before us crying and even suggesting that County employees have been involved in killing someone in their family. And that's on the record here.

I don't want to see our law department under Mr. Szefi's capable direction having to fight all these lawsuits. I guess it's appropriate to ask the question how many lawsuits to date have been filed against Allegheny County relative to the operation of the our County Jail, specifically our medical operation, Mr. McKain or Mr. Szefi?

MR. SZEFI: So far, those suits as they relate to Corizon, with Corizon in the suits, is one. If you go back years and years before that, Mr. Robinson, I couldn't give you a number because jail healthcare dates back to

decades. So that's the best number I can give you as I stand here.

MR. ROBINSON: One other concern, if I might, and this is for Mr. McKain. Like Mr. Ellenbogen, I'm not questioning whether or not there's diligence on your part or even desire. I'm speaking to the difficulty of the task which you probably are more than aware of.

Even though you were not the County Manager when I came on board here, you probably know historically of some of the challenges which include Ms. Bay's situation, the dimensions of which I do not know. Ms. Bay stood before us and said that her union told her she would probably be arrested. I don't know the truth of what she said. My concern is since I've been on this Council more and more employees and former employees feel some kind of obligation to come here and cry to this Council and expect us to solve their problems when we haven't probably the slightest notion of the depth of that problem. I don't think rushing into this exemption is going to help us. I think it's going to hurt us. I think we're pasting over, plastering over a gigantic hole in our system of incarcerating people and being required by law to provide them with adequate medical attention.

Mr. Finnerty is probably right on target about what's going to happen financially to address the problems that have been presented to us. And I'm not going to accuse Corizon of anything. I don't know what they did and did not do. No one from Corizon was brave enough --- maybe they were too smart --- to come and testify before us and say we're doing a good job. It probably would have been a foolish thing for them to do.

They probably will say in a court of law they did a great job, which I would expect, and that the problem was they didn't have enough money. They couldn't find the right nurses. They couldn't go to Oshkosh, Wisconsin and find a brain surgeon to operate. But I'm just saying let's not rush into this. It has all kind of implications.

Why do we have to give this sweeping exemption tonight? And I haven't heard any good, sound reason why we have to do it tonight. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Klein?

MS. KLEIN: My understanding that September 1st we take responsibility for the healthcare in the jail, and clearly some of the issues that have been presented was

the lack of psychiatrists that were available at Corizon. And if residency was an impediment to a qualified psychiatrist being hired, I think we are potentially doing a disservice to the people in the jail. So although I would, of course, prefer employees be Allegheny County residents, I think that this particular carve-out for this niche of corrections make sense to me.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Hold on. Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. I don't see this to be a wide sweeping set of changes. We already had people that are in that jail that are trained. You may want to talk about the cost if we have to go out and get new people and train them. So that's another aspect to it. I see this as --- this particular motion as a --- I mean, this whole thing was vetted in committee and was sent to this whole Council with an affirmative recommendation. I too believe that if you live here, you work here, you should spend your money here and vice versa.

However, all we're doing here is duplicating a model that we already have with the Kanes. I don't think we're setting any new benchmarks here or any new ordinances that would be wide and sweeping. All we're trying to do --- and I think timing is of the essence. We're trying to have better healthcare for those individuals in the jail. They should not be penalized again by not having good healthcare, and I think the people that are part of the bargaining unit have expressed an interest in working with the Council --- I mean, with the County. And I believe that better healthcare is what's important at this point.

And as far as residency, I think that that could be worked out. And I agree with the County Manager, that it's something that they need in their toolbox. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Rae, do you have your hand up?

MS. RAE: I did. I guess I agree with Ms. Means, that there are two separate issues. And I do believe we're going through a critical transition period and we will be. And I agree with Mr. McKain that we do need every thing in our toolbox that we possibly have. And I believe as a Council that we should support that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress. Then we'll go down this side.

MR. KRESS: No. I just wanted to say I'm for local jobs for local people, but of course, in this case, you have to do a carve out. I mean, it looks like it's a similar class of people that you're carving the exception out for. If we're having problems attracting healthcare professionals to the Kane Hospital, I think it's only reasonable to make an exception for the jail.

So I think it's a good thing. Again, we're worried about the people in the jail and improving the healthcare, trying to create flexibility. That's a good thing. I don't have a problem with it.

The only question I had is healthcare personnel, is that defined in the ordinance? Okay. Healthcare, excuse me, health care personnel. It's in paragraph three. All individuals employed as healthcare personnel at the Allegheny County Jail. What would be the definition of healthcare personnel at ---?

MR. MCKAIN: Anyone associated with providing healthcare at the jail. They have nurses. They have all kinds of different technicians. So we didn't want to put --- if you just put nurses, it's very limiting. You don't know who you're going to need.

MR. KRESS: But we're talking about physical and mental maladies; correct? You're treating everything? Okay. I just wanted to make sure. Because I was thinking about healthcare saying like doctors. I didn't realize the psychologists, psychiatrists, everything. So I just wanted ---.

MR. MCKAIN: They all fall under healthcare, yes.

MR. KRESS: Okay. All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Heather Heidelbaugh.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Thank you. I'm going to vote in favor of this, but I just wanted to clear up a couple of things. It's my opinion that Allegheny County has a non-delegable duty to care for the incarcerated at the jail. We can choose to hire a subcontractor like a Corizon to assist us in the duty to care, but we can never completely shun our responsibility, according to the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution, to care for them properly. So you know, we ultimately have the duty.

Whether Corizon fell down on it or didn't, it all comes to us.

I thought we had been sued more than once. We just got a pro se suit against Corizon this week. And then I thought we just settled a case for \$2 million based on the healthcare.

MR. SZEFI: We did not settle a case for \$2 million. It could be \$2 ---. Under Corizon, it could be \$3 million. I don't have accurate count, but I believe --- I can confirm one. If we have pro se one, I don't know that pro se case dealt with healthcare. The \$2 million suit pre-dated Corizon and that was not paid for by the County. That was the prior provider, Allegheny Health --- Allegheny County Health Services, which was the prior healthcare provider under the jail, and their insurance company paid that settlement.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: And how many --- we've lost how many people? How many people have died since Corizon?

MR. SZEFI: I don't have the exact number since they've been there. It's been about a year and a half. I'd have to ---. I don't know the exact number.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Eleven (11) to 15 maybe?

MR. SZEFI: No, I think it's more like six or seven, I believe. But don't --- I'm not positive.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Seven was last year and then we had four this year. That's 11.

MR. SZEFI: Like I said, I do not know what the number is.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Going down the line to Representative Ellenbogen.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I just have a couple points I want to make and then I'll shut up. First of all, I have some of my closest friends who are doctors, and I don't know any of them that belong to the Steelworkers Union. That's number one.

Healthcare professionals personnel is anybody that sweeps the floor to clean the drains. It's not spelled out here. So you know, I've been in politics for 40 years and I can tell when I'm being snowed. And that's what's going on as far as I'm concerned, personally. You know, if you come to me and you say to me that I'm supposed to tell my taxpayers that they don't have to live in this County, then you prove it to me first. You talk about education programs. We have an education program at

the Community College to get --- for the Firemen's Program to get firemen. If you feel that insecure, show me --- you've done to encourage people to live here.

You know, that's like my kid comes to me and says to me, dad, you know, can I borrow \$100 because I might not meet book. You know, I said, well, why don't we see how much money you have left when you pay your bills. You haven't shown me yet. You're going on what happened at Kane. You're going on this and you're going on that. You know, you folks can vote any way you want. That's your business. But you've told the people of this County that they don't have to pay their taxes to this County. They can live anywhere they want, but yet they can work here. And I'll guarantee you that I'm right when it comes to the way the people in this County feel about this. Regardless of how you want to paint it and say, well, you know, --- because you're mixing issues. You know, the healthcare quality down there has nothing to do with whether a technician --- that you can go to the community college or you could go to Carlow or whatever and get a 1,000 of them that would beg for those jobs --- to tell me that's the reason we have to do this.

It was very clear to me. They talked about the union, and those folks are --- with respect to them, they're not the doctors. You know, you bring me in psychiatrists and doctors and you say to me, well, you know, we need them. You know, I'd be the first one to say right because they're affecting the quality of the healthcare down at there. They are the doctors. They're not the people that are cleaning the linens and whatnot. Those people should be from here.

And I'll tell you what, if you're going to vote this way, then perhaps the next bill that I should introduce is that --- you should tell the voting public that I'm going to enter a bill that you shouldn't have to live in your Council district either to run for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Jim, let me answer you one question. You said you never heard of the unions representing people like that. That's not true. You could go back years and years ago, especially with --- SEIU has a ton of hospitals and that. And actually, we started before them. So they represent people. Most doctors, I don't think, are in the unions so they wouldn't be ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm not talking about the doctors here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're not probably going to represent the doctors. They're going to represent the nurses. No. We're going to represent the nurses and the workers and that. But I don't think very few doctors I know of either are in the union. They're like excluded, most of them.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I understand that, but I only brought it up because one of the Council people mentioned that, you know, if you're going talk about psychiatrists being in the jail, then we have to vote for this. Well, what does a psychiatrist have to do with this bill? There's no psychiatrist I know in any unions.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: What union ---?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Either you're ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, Let me say one thing, too, so you know. Unions do not run companies. We're defense. Unions are defense. Okay? So in other words, all corporations are companies. They determine if this person is qualified. Now, if we feel that there's discrimination or they're not doing the right thing, then you go in and fight that.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: That has nothing to do with what I'm talking about. I'm not talking about the unions and what they do. I'm talking about people living in this County. There's are thousands of people who are union people who are looking for jobs in this county.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That's the other issue.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: And they can't ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I'm not talking about that. I was talking about the union issue. It's up to the individuals. The majority of the people here are going to vote, that's a different issue. Amanda.

DR. MARTONI: May I say something? Go ahead.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. You haven't talked yet.

DR. MARTONI: No. That's okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead. You're up.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: You were first. Go ahead.

DR. MARTONI: I just have some questions. Okay? Are we talking about employing these people in sort of an emergency where you can't find people that actually live here to do the particular job that you're talking about?

MR. MCKAIN: It would be if we posted

positions ---.

DR. MARTONI: Emergency was just my term.

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah. I'm sorry. If we would post positions and the pool was a very short pool, we wanted to make sure that the pool included people outside of the County if we were running short down there. We were going to bring over a certain number of employees that currently work down there, but we may need more, either from our own assessment or if they leave. We welcome any applications, obviously, encourage and you know, want Allegheny County employees to come. I won't be calling people as an emergency. It just would be considering them if we had gaps in employment to work there.

DR. MARTONI: Emergency was just my terminology.

MR. MCKAIN: Okay. I'm sorry. I was just trying to clarify.

DR. MARTONI: Let me try to rephrase it, because quite frankly this discussion is giving me one hell of a headache. Okay? And I think most of the time when we talk, sometimes we're not sure what we're --- you know, what we're talking about. Okay? I just want to try to clarify that. Okay? What you are talking about is to bring people in, well qualified people when you can't find the well qualified person that's living here. I know I'm over simplifying this.

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes).

DR. MARTONI: Is that what we're saying?

MR. MCKAIN: Yeah. I would only modify that with if I posted a position for a nurse, it would not exclude anyone from outside the County to apply.

DR. MARTONI: Okay.

MR. MCKAIN: And that they would be an ineligible applicant as we go through our interviews and selections.

DR. MARTONI: Is that the only classification we're talking about, nurses?

MR. MCKAIN: It's, as Mr. Szefi said, healthcare personnel. And it gets into a lot of different areas. It could be nurse practitioners. It could be RNs. It could be LPNs. It's anyone who is doing the direct medical care at the jail.

DR. MARTONI: I just want to remind everybody of something that Mr. Robinson said, that the Community College of Allegheny County has one of the largest nursing programs probably in the whole country.

MR. MCKAIN: Uh-huh (yes).

DR. MARTONI: And they put out a fantastic people. I want to ---.

MR. MCKAIN: And I think that that's a great idea. We did call there and talk to them, someone from my office. So once we bring over the people that we're going to have from the Corizon Steelworkers, I believe we're going to start posting other positions, and we're going to alert CCAC to that opportunity.

DR. MARTONI: What I want to hear is that preference will be given to the people from here.

MR. MCKAIN: We strongly prefer our residents to apply and we'll give them great consideration. I just want to be able to the breath of others if we get short.

DR. MARTONI: I'm concerned that our debate is going nowhere, and I'm trying to bring it to some kind of end. Okay? We have a tendency to do that because --- and for a good reason, by the way. We got a lot of true believers up here that really --- you know, that's great. But there comes a time when you got to cut it off and vote. Okay? I'm looking at that time. I'm finished.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I'm going to call the question, please.

MR. KRESS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MR. FINNERTY: We got to vote.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No, we need to vote on it.

MR. FINNERTY: That's exactly ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. But ---.

MR. PALMIERE: The question is called, Mr. President.

MS. MEANS: Aren't we voting on calling the question?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. You want to take the roll.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: This is on calling the
question to end debate?
MR. CATANESE: Yes.
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: No.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?
MS. KLEIN: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?
MR. KRESS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: No.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No.
MR. CATANESE: No?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No. I'm sorry. Wait a
minute.
MR. ROBINSON: You know, you can't change your
vote once it's in.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Wait a minute.
MR. ROBINSON: I don't think he understood that.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We're voting on --- I got
confused here. We're voting on to end the debate?
MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of order. We have done
this many times. I'm sorry. You voted. That's it, in my
view.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.
MR. CATANESE: Yeses are 8; no's are 7. It
fails.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It don't matter either way.
Okay. Amanda.
MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Thank you, Mr. President.
I wanted to try to clarify something or clear something
up, if I could, because there's been a lot of discussion
about union employees and that kind of thing. Corizon

employs part of a bargaining unit, working for a private employer at the time so no residency requirement was there for them. But if they're going to come on as County employees, then comes the residency requirement. Then comes the question of for people who live outside of Allegheny County who were very instrumental in bringing all kinds of information to light about practices and things that were going on in Corizon, for those people who live outside of the County who have that experience and knowledge and who really care about their job, do we want to tell them, no, you can't have your job as part of this bargaining unit? Do we want to get rid of them and then find someone who may not have the background and the knowledge of working within this jail, and perhaps the experience firsthand of knowing how things should run and also the sprit to work in this facility? Do we want to start trying to do that all over again, the hiring process all over again for the few people who live outside the County? Or do we want to say thank you for your service and we'll see about this exemption for you so that you can continue to work here at the jail?

That becomes the question. And so if you're of the mindset that you're willing to say you live outside of the County, it's black or white for me, you have to go, then you vote accordingly. But if you are of the mindset that, okay, you live outside of the County, but I recognize your service and commitment from the time that you served here with Corizon, and I'm glad to have you on board, and in fact, we need your help desperately, then you vote accordingly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any other questions?

MR. PALMIERE: Now, Mr. President, I understood that once the question is called, there's no more comment. And with all due respect.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: But that thing failed so ---.

MR. FINNERTY: It failed so ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: It failed so, you know, she could ask the question.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Is there any more questions? If there's no more questions ---.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Wait. I have one more --- one final comment and then I'm going to shut up.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Are you sure?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: I'm sure.

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: You said that the last time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: My right hand, I swear it's the last one. I'm not saying that they can't work here. I'm saying like anybody else I have people that moved --- that work for me that moved here from Virginia, from Georgia, from Tennessee. You know, give them a year, give them two years. You know, you got to go where the work is at. Believe, I grew up in the City of Pittsburgh. There are thousands of people all over the country who were born here that had to go where the work was.

All I'm saying is we're giving you a year or two years to move. That's all. I don't see anything wrong with that. That's standard practice. We lost half the population of this County because of that. Thank you. I'm going to shut up now.

MR. KRESS: No. I just have a question real quick to the solicitor, Jack Cambest. Mr. Cambest, do you have any legal concerns about this ---

MR. CAMBEST: No.

MR. KRESS: --- ordinance?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: There's nothing.

MR. KRESS: That's all I wanted to know. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's take the roll call vote. No more hands were raised.

MR. CATANESE: This is on Bill 9009-15.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: No.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Green Hawkins?

MS. GREEN HAWKINS: Aye.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Heidelbaugh?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Ms. Klein?

MS. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Yes.

MR. CATANESE: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Martoni?
DR. MARTONI: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Means?
MS. MEANS: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ms. Rae?
MS. RAE: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. Robinson?
MR. ROBINSON: Nay.
MR. CATANESE: Mr. DeFazio, President?
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.
MR. CATANESE: Ayes, 13; no's, 2. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison Reports. Anyone have a report?

MR. KRESS: Right here.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Just Saturday will be the 4th of July and I want to wish everybody a Happy Independence Day. And I'm just making an announcement that the 4th of July is the Mount Lebanon Community Day event, and it'll be held at their rec center from 11:00 to 4:00. And again, I wish all my colleagues and all the members --- all the citizens of Allegheny County Happy 4th of July.

DR. MARTONI: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Representative Finnerty?

MR. FINNERTY: Thank you. I'd like to echo that, too, about the 4th of July. Happy 4th of July. It's Independence Day. Let's be independent, but responsible while we're out there.

Last night was the start of Crafton Celebrates, which was their parade. There was quite a number of people out there getting very wet last night, but they still were out there. And Crafton Celebrates goes on for the entire week until the fireworks.

Also, Scott Township has its community day coming up, and that's on the 4th. Carnegie is on the 3rd. South Fayette is on the 3rd if you're interested in fireworks a little early, those two places. Robinson and Kennedy are on the 4th. I can't think of any others, but there's a lot more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other --- let me start up there. Go ahead, John.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I want --- on the 4th of July ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Come on.

MR. FUTULES: Turn your mic on.

MR. PALMIERE: I'm sorry. Is it on now?

MS. MEANS: Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to mention in the 4th of July parade up in Brentwood, the largest parade in Allegheny County. It's also the 100th anniversary of Brentwood as a borough. And I'm more than happy --- to anyone that cares to come that particular morning, I have a whole bunch of candy and stuff for those kids up there and --- because that's the first Halloween in Brentwood, and if you don't have any candy, you're in real trouble.

But I just wanted, Mr. President, also to mention the fact that on Father's Day, I ran in the Father's Day race. The Obediah Cole Foundation has a race every Father's Day, and I just wanted to tell you they did a wonderful job of putting that together. And that's a wonderful cause, and there was about 3,000 participants this year. It seems to be growing exponentially as the years go by, and I just wanted to mention that.

And if anyone is --- also, if you're going to come to the 4th of July parade, call me, I'll tell you how to get there, where to go and --- you know, so you can park and so on and so forth. And we'll be available to accommodate any of you that see fit to come. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress.

MR. KRESS: Well, talking about local jobs for local people, we had a --- the job fair that was connected to the Deer Lakes drilling lease on June 18th occurred up at the Mills Mall. Councilman Futules was also there.

MR. FUTULES: At what?

MR. KRESS: At the jobs fair on June 18th. But again, I'm a firm believer in jobs for our local people. And again, with this --- again, when we voted for the lease, it was one of the recommendations that I wanted --- is that we're going to have local jobs for local people when we got that lease done with Range Resources. So Range participated in this. We had people coming up there. We had veterans. We had people looking for work. We had people under 50s and 60s who need jobs, young

people, you name it. I want to make sure that we ---. No, actually there were people in their 50s and 60s who need work. And that's the thing. That's something we have to address later on, but again, this is going to be the future. Let's make sure these jobs go to our local people. And the fact is that people need to be trained for it. And that's the reason why, like I say, too, that CCAC does a good job of training people with welding. But also what else can we do to make sure our local people are getting these jobs? So it was like a career fair, job fair, but there was a lot of jobs available. I'm working for my constituents to make sure they get these jobs.

So that's what I'm trying to do. And I've been successful in getting some of my people placed already. I'll continue to fight for these jobs for these people. And that's all I can say. I'm there for the people in my district. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anyone else down here? Seeing none, we'll move on. 9042-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the conveyance of the County of Allegheny's interest in four vacant parcels currently owned by Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, and the School District of Pittsburgh to the School District of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We'll put that in Public Works Committee. 9043-15.

MR. CATANESE: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the continued use by the North Hills Council of Governments, hereinafter referred to as the COG, of a portion of Allegheny County-owned land in North Park as a leaf composting area. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go the Parks Committee. 9044-15.

MS. MEANS: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to withdraw this legislation because today I realized there was a clerical error, so I plan to resubmit. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 9045-15.

MR. CATANESE: A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, LERTA, Pa.

Stat. Ann. Title 72, Section 4722 et seq. 1995, as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from the improvements made by an owner of property located within Ward 3, the Uptown neighborhood within the City of Pittsburgh, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of a property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go into Economic Development Committee. 9046-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion by the Council of All Amending Article IV, Rule B.2 of the Rules of Council of Allegheny County Council, entitled Legislative Action in order to provide a more efficient, transparent and equitable rule relating to the votes necessary in order to approve legislative items. Sponsored by Council Member Heidelbaugh.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go in Government Reform Committee. Let me say this while I'm on that subject. We have a lot of --- I've talked to the clerk, and I've told him to get all these ones that are laying out there in committees and --- everything less than two years, we should get it all to the Chairman and try to get all these things wrapped up as quick as possible. I'd like to start with Government Reform issues, and we'll be talking to the people that put the issues in, and tell us your most important ones and we'll try to get everything wrapped up. 9047-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the Sense of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Chief Executive, County Manager, Allegheny County Parks Department, the North Park Friends of the Park, and the Allegheny County Parks Foundation to work cooperatively to identify potential partners with whom to pursue sponsorship and honorary naming rights agreements relating to the trails located within North Park with particular emphasis on the Lake Shore Loop. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. That's going to go to a special committee on Marketing Ed Kress handles so that'll be sent to that committee.

MR. KRESS: Just may I speak to that briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: Yeah. It's just another idea to try to bring money into the County without going to taxpayers. We have a lot of trails in the parks, especially the one at North Park that loops around the lake. And I thought that might be a good way to bring money in by naming that trail. And again, we'll work with the parks groups in different ways, like maybe with corporations, with private donors to maybe bring money in. So thank you.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, what's your point?

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: I just have a question. So I understand that Mr. Kress was appointed chair of the Marketing Committee by the President, but he's now introduced a piece of legislation that would go to his own committee. How many members are on the committee and how does that work?

MR. KRESS: It's a special committee. It's a committee of the whole.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: So everybody can go?

MR. KRESS: Yeah.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Oh, okay. But you still --- have we done that before, where people get legislation that they --- that they're then the chair of the committee?

MR. KRESS: Uh-huh (yes).

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, we have.

MS. HEIDELBAUGH: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 9048-15.

MR. CATANESE: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the Sense of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Allegheny County Government Review Commission to thoroughly consider recommending that the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County be amended to provide for the creation of one additional At-Large Allegheny County Council seat in order to guarantee representation for individuals not affiliated with either major political party. Sponsored by Council Member Kress.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to the Government Reform.

MR. KRESS: May I just speak on that briefly?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. KRESS: I mean, since we already have a seat dedicated Republic and Democrats, since the growing registration of Independents in Allegheny County, and considering we also have a Government Review Commission that's reviewing the County Charter, I thought it would be a good time to take a look and see if we could amend our charter to maybe add another seat at-large, but also maybe add another district seat. I believe that there's a number of people out there registering this way and I feel --- it's my belief we need to take a serious look at adding a seat to this County Council and give them a voice at this Council table. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll go to Committee, but as you know right now, it isn't a seat for Democrats or Republicans. Independent or any group, the top two groups went out, you know ---.

MR. KRESS: Well, it's basically --- the way it reads, it says, political party or body. It doesn't say anything about Independents nominating. It says again, we have a seat for Republican and Democrat. It says body and like I said, again ---.

MR. FINNERTY: It's Democratic, by the way.

MR. KRESS: Democratic, Republican, but it's an issue for the Reform --- the Government Review Commission to take a look at. And that's the reason I didn't actually introduce an ordinance today. I actually want to look and see what we can do, again, to adding another at-large seat dedicated --- well, actually not even dedicated, but just adding another at-large seat, potentially for an Independent or at-large member who's not affiliated with any major party. So thank you.

MR. FINNERTY: Has this been sent to Committee?

MS. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. FINNERTY: I thought so. I was wondering what the debate was about.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Notification of Contracts.

MR. CATANESE: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public Comment on General Items. Lester Ludwig.

MR. LUDWIG: My name is Les Ludwig. I live at 6589 Rosemoor Street in Squirrel Hill. And I come to you again on the same subject of where does the buck stop? Where's the responsibility to make the statement even though we've contracted as a County for fracking?

When the American Medical Association makes the headlines in the Post Gazette as to the question of what is being pumped into the ground to force the oil and gases out? When a group of that stature comes forward and makes a statement of wanting to know what chemicals are being used, doesn't this body and the City of Pittsburgh have a responsibility to stand up with the AMA and say what are you doing? What is it that you're putting in the ground?

And let's remember something. Margaret Mead stood up in front of the UN a long time ago and said there's only one water. In other words, when you pump something into the ground, you don't know where it's going. If there's something that they're hiding that they don't want to come forward and say what they're putting into the ground, then we ought to demand to know. And I come to you and ask you for the second time straight where's the buck going to stop?

Ms. Hawkins raised the question in another area of responsibility, that it doesn't just pass away, that we have a responsibility as citizens to stand and say what are you doing? And I'm coming to you again and I'm going to continue to come and ask you the same question. When are you going to take a stand in the question of responsibility? What chemicals are being put into the ground because they can end up in our water supply? I thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Stormy Miramontez?

MS. MIRAMONTEZ: Hi, County Council members. My name is Stormie Miramontez, 4740 Baum Boulevard. My husband, Sergeant First Class Victor Miramontez, was slammed on the ground and his body was used to hold our door open at our building by City ambulance workers Mason, Trabeck, Dombrowski and Lee while they argued who was going to clean the chair that they pitched him out of. They picked Victor up like a dead deer, wrist-to-wrist, ankle-to-ankle and plopped him on the stretcher. They refused to take him to the VA Hospital on Universal Drive and drove very slow down Central Avenue with no sirens on and dropped us off like trash at Shadyside Hospital.

The boss, Bob, said its standard procedure. The State Health Department, Office of Municipal Investigations, City Law Department, NAACP, the VA Hospital, UPMC, Councilman Peduto now Mayor Peduto and

Judge R. Stan Weddick seems to think what happened to Victor is a joke, and I need to just get over it.

Why are all these City workers being paid to pretend to help people until the window of opportunity closes, and then these same City workers go to the City Law Library and conjure up legal excuses as to why they don't have to do anything?

Mayor Peduto has told me on two separate occasions that he would investigate the death of my husband. He even had Corey --- his assistant, Corey Buckner, take my information and no one has gotten back to me. I've sued Mayor Peduto at least eight times. His friend Judge R. Stanton Weddick keeps stepping in and dismissing my cases. Ashley from City Council told me that a public hearing on May 7th was moved to June 4th, so now I have another hearing coming up this month to find out why Major Peduto is allowing --- is allowed to use City workers for his own personal use and not being held accountable for that. Oh, excuse me.

MR. CATANESE: You get 30 seconds.

MS. MIRAMONTEZ: On March 30th, Jillane McKinley told the --- from the Commission on Human Relations told the Arbitration Board that she would move forward with my racial discrimination complaint against Mayor Bill Peduto. I have heard nothing from the Commission on Human Relations about anything. And the window of opportunity probably closes on July 11th because I filed this complaint more than a year ago.

They're not doing anything about, but its okay for Ms. McKinley to come to my job to harass and intimidate me because I follow up on why Pittsburgh does not care about our veterans. This is a picture of my husband, Victor, if you all want to see it, but I'm just trying to understand why nobody cares about our veterans. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Would someone like to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. FINNERTY: I make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

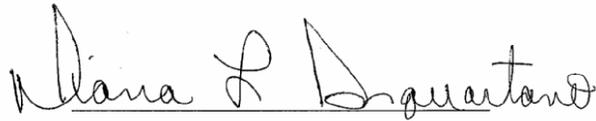
(Ayes Respond.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

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