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Fitzgerald Statement on Passage of 2018 Budget with No Tax Increase, 2.8% Growth

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald issued the following statement after passage of the 2018 budget by County Council:

“I thank County Council for its continued partnership in making sound financial decisions for our residents, and for their deliberative work throughout the process to set the 2018 operating, capital, and grants and special accounts budgets. The continued growth of this region has allowed us to continue to build on the strong financial foundation that we’ve set over the past six years. I’m proud that we have been able to do so with no increase in the property tax millage rate for the last 16 of the past 17 years.

“The \$905.7 million operating budget continues to invest in our facilities and resources with enhancements in our parks, including a new forestry team. We are maximizing state and federal funding for services our residents rely, including for the most vulnerable in our community. The \$107 million capital budget includes 73 different infrastructure and capital improvement projects. It continues investments in the restoration of our historic landmarks, provides a robust roads program, and allows for work on our more than 500 county bridges.

“I am grateful for the work that Council has done and the day-to-day diligence of our County Manager and the Budget & Finance Department in ensuring that we remain on track. Our success is due to the ongoing working relationships that we have, and I look forward to continuing to move the county ahead with all of our partners.”

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