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Fitzgerald Statement on UPMC Mercy Plans for Uptown

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald issued the following statement regarding UPMC plans currently under consideration:

“I’m pleased to support plans for the new UPMC Mercy Vision and Rehabilitation Hospital in Uptown. UPMC’s commitment to our community in terms of their \$2 billion investment in next generation technology for vision care, cardiac care, and cancer research and treatment is extraordinary. The investment in Uptown and the Hill District neighborhood as Mercy is transformed complements existing plans by neighborhood groups and community leaders in that corridor while also meeting needs of our greater region.

“We are fortunate that our region remains a leader in the medical field. Along with the investment from the Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh can also be a model of medical technology with the best and brightest coming here to develop state of the art treatments for medical challenges. With those developments and investments, we will also see additional jobs and opportunities in our region benefiting the western Pennsylvania regional economy for decades to come. We look forward to working with them and others which are now investing in those communities that have not seen that type of support like other communities have. And we will continue to move forward with our own investment in the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to connect people to jobs in our downtown and Oakland corridor.”

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