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Fitzgerald Statement on Passage of 2020 Budget Operating Budget Totals \$959.8 Million; No Tax Increase and 2.9% Growth

PITTSBURGH – County Executive Rich Fitzgerald provided the following statement following the passage of the 2020 Budget this evening by County Council:

“I’m grateful to the members of County Council for their diligent work on this budget. This is not an easy process and there are many needs to be balanced in a county this size. We’ve been fortunate that new construction has allowed for growth in our budget, but it is the work done by Council, our departments, the Budget office and the County Manager that has allowed us to support ongoing budget needs and new initiatives without any increase in our property tax rate.

“This budget focuses on the county’s sustainability and explores an initiative to move one of our nine county parks to net zero energy. We’re also centralizing support and services into a new Information Technology Department and expanding the focus of the Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise into a new Equity and Inclusion Department. With strategic partnerships and innovative thinking, we are continuing to invest in our future.

“I’m proud of the work that we have done to improve the quality of life in the county while also providing resources and services that our residents rely upon. Our work is not done, but with the continued support of Council and our employees, we will continue to make improvements that benefit all residents.”

The \$959.8 million operating budget represents a \$27.4 million, or 2.9% increase, over last year. It is the 18th time in 19 years that the budget has been set with no increase in the property tax millage rate.

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