

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. Defazio	-	President
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
Dewitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services  
Jack Cambest - Allegheny County Council  
Solicitor  
Ken Varhola - Chief of Staff  
Sarah Roka - Budget Assistant

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The meeting will come to order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and remain standing for silent prayer or reflection.

After me ---.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

(Silent prayer or reflection.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Would you remain standing for a minute? Dewitt, you had a ---.

MR. WALTON: Thank --- thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask us --- for a moment of prayer and silence in the memory of Jimmy Cvetic. Jimmy was an incredible gentleman. He was a law enforcement officer for a long time. I think I met him through Sheriff Mullen and --- and then Commander Bryant and some of the folks --- and --- and Deputy --- Deputy Chief Kraus. They introduced me to Chris --- to Jimmy at a Christmas party.

And so if anybody knew Jimmy Cvetic, he was a unique character. Above all else, Jimmy had a gift of gab, he cared about people and he was truly sincere in what he did. And most of all, Jimmy --- Jimmy cared --- cared about kids and particularly kids that didn't have the same advantages of many of us who have a lot of blessings bestowed to us.

Jimmy --- the last time I saw him was in December. He came to my office and --- and --- and in the true Jimmy way said, hey I'm here. I'm looking for kids --- for toys for kids for Christmas. And you couldn't --- you can't --- you couldn't refuse Jimmy. What do you need, how many do you need? He said 60. I need toys for 60 kids. You got it, Jimmy. We'll make it happen. And then he shared with us that he was dying. That he --- that he had cancer and he didn't think he was going to make it. You'll make it, Jimmy. Whatever you need. Come on back when you call me, we'll have the stuff ready for you. He never came back and we never saw him again.

And true to his character, he died caring about people. And I think this is an appropriate time to remember his memory and say that's the kind --- if I had a life to live, I'd like to be much like Jimmy Cvetic. So with that, a moment of silence if we would.

(Moment of silence.)

MR. WALTON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?  
MR. CATENA: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: I'm here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Dr. Martoni?  
(No response.)  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Here.  
MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.  
MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10967-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation recognizing Sheriff William P. Mullen for his 50 years of dedicated service to law enforcement. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco, Pالموسينا and the remaining Members of Council.

MR. DEMARCO: Folks, I don't know how many people are aware that the man standing next to me, Sheriff Bill Mullen, is the 53rd sheriff of Allegheny County. He was elected to terms in 2006, 2009, 2013 and 2017 and he currently serves the regions 1.2 million citizens.

He joined the sheriff's office originally as a Chief Deputy in 2006. Now all of that is astounding enough as it is. That's just really the icing on the cake because this gentleman is here today and we're here to

honor him because he has dedicated his life and has put 50 years of his life into law enforcement here in our community, to protect and serve and --- and defend the citizens here of --- of Allegheny County. So we have a Proclamation for him that --- that we'll want to read. Do you want to say any words for him before the Proclamation or after? Okay. The Proclamation,

WHEREAS, to say that law enforcement runs through Sherriff William P. Mullen's veins is an understatement. Growing up in Carrick as a family of four, Sheriff Mullen followed in the footsteps of his late father. His father, also William Mullen, was named Pittsburgh detective of the year in 1968 and chosen nationally to attend the New Year premiere of the Frank Sinatra movie, The Detective. At a young age, Sheriff Mullen looked up to his father and was interested in his father's profession and;

WHEREAS, in 1964, Sheriff Mullen attended the University of Dayton and majored in political science. While in his senior year, still uncertain about a career path --- and you picked a good one rather than a politician. He decided to take the test for Pittsburgh police. Two months after graduation in December of 1968, he entered the Pittsburgh Police Academy and;

WHEREAS, for 37 years, Sheriff Mullen served with the City of Pittsburgh where he worked with a variety of divisions including narcotics detective, homicide lieutenant, commander, assistant chief of operations, assistance chief of investigations and deputy chief. Sheriff Mullen and former Allegheny County Police Superintendent Charles Moffatt are the only Pittsburgh officers ever to have worn seven different badges. Patrolman, third and first grade detective, lieutenant commander, assistant chief and deputy chief and;

WHEREAS, over Sherriff Mullen's extensive and impressive law enforcement career with the City of Pittsburgh, he was involved in many of Pittsburgh's most infamous cases and;

WHEREAS, in 1984, Sheriff Mullen put in for retirement with Pittsburgh Police Department. However, he didn't completely retire from law enforcement. After retiring from the city as deputy chief, he accepted the position of Allegheny County Chief Deputy Sheriff offered to him by Sheriff Pete DeFazio and;

WHEREAS, shortly after becoming Chief Deputy Sheriff, there was an opportunity to run for Allegheny County Sheriff and Sheriff Mullen took it. In October of 2006, he was elected office and has since been re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017 and;

WHEREAS, while in office, Sherriff Mullen has been allotted for establishing the Mortgage Conciliation Program, implementing the Courthouse Emergency Response Team and Project DUMP. Sheriff Mullen has an office of 100 --- 169 sworn officers and 34 civilians that he enforces the standards of professionalism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, Allegheny County Council Members Sam Demarco and Robert Palmosina and all Members of Council do here recognize --- do hereby recognize Sheriff William P. Mullen for his 50 years of dedicated service to law enforcement and we thank him for his unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 19th day of February 2019.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: Sheriff?

SHERIFF MULLEN: Well, thank you very much, members of Council and Mr. President. Thank you very much, you know, I didn't do this by myself. I just came up through the ranks, I worked for some very good people who showed me the --- the way to go. I worked for some --- worked with some very good people and very good people work for me. I --- I feel somewhat humbled accepting this because of the fact that I didn't do this, you know, by myself. But I thank you again --- I --- I thank the --- you know, we've got along with Council which I appreciate very much.

And with Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. McKain and the County Police, we try to blend in with everybody and make this county a better place to be, reduce the amount of taxes people have to pay. And again, you know, I'm humbled by this. I'm not sure I completely deserve this, but --- but thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MR. PALMOSINA: While most of you folks know Sheriff Mullen as a police officer and a commander in the city and obviously, you know his story past here but I know him as my neighbor. A coach, we coach against each other and as good of a policeman as he is, he's a better

man. He's a better husband, he's a better father and he's a better grandpap. So I look at him as --- it's my honor to be him --- he's my friend and I don't think there's a better policeman that I've ever been around and a more respected policeman. So it's my honor and he --- he deserves everything he's getting right now.

(Applause.)

MR. DEMARCO: You have to get a picture taken with us.

SHERIFF MULLEN: Okay. All right.

MR. DEMARCO: Here you go.

SHERIFF MULLEN: Thank you very much again.

MR. DEMARCO: No, thank you.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10968-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Director James P. Reardon upon the occasion of receiving the Frank J. Lucchino Distinguished Service Award. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

MR. FUTULES: Well, ladies and gentlemen, we have a very honored guest here with us today. Now, I just want to give you a little story first because I found a lot of humor in what he had told me a while back.

Last July I was in the Southside in an ice cream line at a festival down there, I turned around and there's Jimmy standing behind me and I recognize him immediately. And then, we talked about the tiles on the roof, a documentary that he had made. And he told me that his friends saw it and they told him that he has a Pittsburgh accent. So I went back to the --- the video and I looked at it and sure enough it's Jimmy talking about Allegheny County and he was talking about downtown and of course the tiles on the roof.

And I realized, I think I talk just like him. Many of us here in Pittsburgh, we talk about downtown instead of downtown. So I thought a little bit of humor in that because he's a great guy and being the director, as he is, he was awarded the Frank Lucchino Distinguished Award this year for his excellence in his job at Allegheny County or should I say County. I want to read the Proclamation. It says here,

WHEREAS, Mr. James Reardon was elected as the 2018 recipient of the Frank Lucchino Distinguished Service Award and;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Mr. Reardon began work --- began working for the county as an electrician. He eventually became the director of the department of facilities management and;

WHEREAS, nominated of the category of customer service by the managers, administration of facilities management Nancy DiNardo. Mr. Reardon has displayed 38 years of supervisory work in Allegheny County and;

WHEREAS, first employed in Allegheny County as an electrician, Mr. Reardon was quickly promoted to the foreman and subsequently an elec --- an elec --- an electrical supervisor in June of 2015. He was promoted as to the assistant deputy director --- to deputy director and ultimately the director of facilities management in February of 2017 and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reardon's impressive history, excuse me, I have a cold, with the County --- County and hands-on management truly make him an invaluable source of information about the county's facilities and assets. His willingness to communicate and collaborate with the individuals has contributed to his success and built meaningful and trusting relationships as the director of --- as the director. Mr. Reardon is dedicated to being involved in all aspects of work being done around the county no matter of the time of day or the time of weekend or weather or holidays;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is grateful for the service and dedication of Director James Reardon and his determination to provide superior service to every individual that encounters the county. Now, Jim, today is February the 19th. Do you know what day that is?

MR. REARDON: No.

MR. FUTULES: It's the first day of petitions, and you're my constituent and I left mine downstairs. I wanted you to be the first to fill mine out, but --- but I missed the opportunity. But Mr. McKain, would you care to say a few words?

MR. MCKAIN: I'd be honored.

MR. FUTULES: Because I think you know Mr. Reardon a little better.

MR. MCKAIN: I do, yeah. It --- it's a real pleasure to --- to talk about Jimmy. We reinstated the Frank J. Lucchino award and once a year, we pick someone for the whole year who is the representative and symbolic of public service.

Jimmy is a very humble person. He --- he probably doesn't even want the attention that he's getting tonight. But I do remember seven years ago when I began and we started going through buildings, Rich Fitzgerald and Jennifer and I. And --- and we looked at these capital assets that are to be preserved, maintained and honored and we --- we didn't see that at the time. And so we said, we're going to create a department that wakes up every day and takes care of our buildings. The things that the public comes in and interacts and is deserving of our employees.

So we created the Department of Facilities Management. Jimmy was an excellent electrician and he'll use his own words but you wonder what --- what God has planned for you. So he was getting ready to retire after a tremendous career and we talked him into staying to help us implement facilities management. So we bring him in as deputy director. A couple years later, an opportunity came back with director. He was going to retire then, and we talked him into staying a little bit longer.

If you look into our buildings now, I have to tell you I'm very proud of them. We've made a lot of progress. Jimmy has a great team but he is that person that wakes up every day and takes care of the buildings that the public comes into, 7 days a week, 24/7, Jimmy has talked to me because something went wrong in our buildings and he's reactive, but he also is great proactive taking care of our buildings.

Tonight --- and I do thank Council. You honored Sheriff Mullen, you're honoring Jimmy Reardon and next is Rob Frank. Those are three great public services for this county that --- that put it on the line every day and it's really appropriate that you recognize them because they are humble, they do their job, they don't like a lot of recognition but it's really appropriate that you recognize these terrific county employees. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. REARDON: Well, thank you, I appreciate this --- I appreciate it, Councilman. As Mr. McKain said, he said it's a great team. You can't do this alone. I get a lot of support, especially from the administration. They give you the tools you need to get the job done, and it's really appreciating. I've had 38 great years here and I've --- I've enjoyed it. It's been a good job. And Councilman Walton, I was a good friend of Jimmy Cvetic's



and I appreciate those kind words and I'll pass them on.  
Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10969-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation congratulating Robert V. Frank, ACED Program Manager for the Municipal Division on receiving the Exemplary Employee Award. Sponsored by Council Member Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you very much. Before I read the Proc, I just want to say a couple things. Rob is also from my neighborhood and most folks don't know how much work he does in the neighborhood. He's very active in his community and I think that's why he's so well-liked besides being such a great worker down here in the county but he's very well-known and it's because he's active helping the kids, helping the associations, raising money. So Rob, congratulations.

MR. FRANK: Thank you.

MR. PALMOSINA: WHEREAS, as Project Manager in the Municipal Division of Allegheny County Economic Development, ACED, Robert V. Frank was selected as a recipient of the Exemplary Employee Award in the category of efficiency and productivity. And Mr. Frank has dedicated his life to public service, both personally and professionally.

He began his career as a project manager for the business development division and is currently the municipal division where he oversees various CDBG, CITF and GEDF projects, ranging from simple sidewalk replacement to the restoration of the Rachel Carson home. And due to his extraordinary patience in dealing with issues and concerns of unexperienced agencies navigating this often complex process, Mr. Frank's worth has allowed him to work with agencies which are behind in administering projects so that they may complete those and become eligible for other opportunities. Mr. Frank's willingness to take on projects beyond his job description is a true testament to his dedication to ACED.

Allegheny County is grateful for the dedication and productivity of Robert V. Frank, for he truly sets a great example for all employees in Allegheny County and is wholly deserving of this recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member Robert Palmosina do hereby

recognize and congratulate Robert V. Frank, ACED Program Manager for the Municipal Division on receiving the Exemplary Employee Award. And on behalf of Allegheny County Council, I commend him for his continued willingness to go above and beyond his daily duty --- his --- his job duties.

(Applause.)

MR. FRANK: I was --- I'm humbled by this award. I'm not the kind of person that --- that likes to be out front, but I must say that I enjoy working for government. Some people talk about government workers and what they do. I know that I take pride and I know that my coworkers take pride every day working for Allegheny County, and I thank each of you, and I thank the County Executive because we have a great team and we lead this county well into the next century and thanks. I like to keep my speeches a lot like me, short and frank.

(Applause.)

MR. DEFAZIO: Let --- let me say one thing real quick as he's coming up for pictures. There's no --- no one I know that is more deserving of that award than --- than him. He really deserves it, he's done a good job. I really appreciate everything you've done.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10970-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation declaring the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

MR. WALTON: It is with a significant amount of reverence that I stand here this evening. This Proclamation declaring Black History Month is significant in so many ways. It is an opportunity to celebrate some of the achievements and some of the milestones which is really important to understand our history. But it's also, with a moment of sadness that there's such disparity in our society that we have to do this. And it's a challenge to us all to become more honest, more transparent, more accepting, more participative, more collaborative and really understand the words on the Statue of Liberty when it says, give me your poor.

That America's truly, was designed to be a melting pot, an opportunity for all. And to really give everyone a fair shot, irrespective of race, of gender, of orientation, of all the things that unfortunately decide --- divide our country today. So with that in mind.

WHEREAS, during the month of February, we pay tribute to the countless people who have stood up and sat in to help write the wrongs of our past and extend the promise of the American dream to all. We honor the contributions of African-Americans since the formation of our country and we stand steadfast reaching a day when all individuals are judged on nothing but the content of their character and;

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month began as Negro History Week which was chosen, created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American historian, scholar, educator and publisher. In 1976, it became a month long celebration in the month of February which was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln and;

WHEREAS, today, African-American high school graduation and college enrollment rates are at an all-time high. And the American unemployment rate is the lowest recorded in history. However, challenges still continue and obstacles still stand in the way of our country becoming what our founding fathers envisioned and;

WHEREAS, Allegheny County recognizes the champions of justices along the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, a sit down at a whites-only lunch counter in North Carolina and all across the country. Many of which gave the ultimate sacrifice so that one day, each person will know the rights of liberty, life and the pursuit of happiness and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Council Member DeWitt Walton do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month in Allegheny County.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have here unto caused the seal of the Allegheny County --- the County of Allegheny to be affixed to this 19th day of February, 2019. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, you want to do the next one, too?

MR. WALTON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Go ahead. 10971-19.

MR. BARKER: A Proclamation hereby recognizing and congratulating Lynne Hayes-Freeland for her extensive

and impressive career with KDKA. Sponsored by Council Member Walton and the Chief Executive.

(Applause.)

MR. WALTON: You know, tonight when you talk about Sheriff Mullen, you talk about Mr. Reardon, you talk about Robert Frank. You talk about the best of what Allegheny County has to offer. Here standing next to me is another example of the best the Allegheny County has to offer. A lady that is unique, that is talented, that is dynamic, that is giving, that is an AKA. All those things that make a difference in her lives and the lives of folks in our community. And it is a privilege for me to be able to stand here and call Lynne Hayes-Freeland my friend. I've never called her and asked her for something that she's --- that she's said no to me on, and I really consider that to be a privilege and an honor. So with that, I'm going to read this Proclamation.

WHEREAS, you may encounter many defeats but you will not --- you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how many you can --- how you can still come out of it. That quote that I butchered by Maya Angelou truly personifies the Pittsburgh native Lynne Hayes-Freeland and;

WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, Ms. Hayes-Freeland began her now thriving radio career as a producer for the Roy Fox show on KDKA radio. As an aspiring broadcast journalist student at Duquesne University, trying to make her way in a flourishing industry especially in Allegheny County and surrounding regions, Ms. Hayes-Freeland worked nights at the Roy Fox Show which she was ultimately fired from and hired two weeks later by KDKA TV and;

WHEREAS, in the 1970s when Ms. Hayes-Freeland went into the broadcasting profession, it was not an easy profession for women. As a young reporter, she recalled being referred to as little girl during a press conference when she wanted to ask a question and;

WHEREAS, in 1976, Ms. Freeland joined KDKA TV too as a producer for 15 years, a general assignment reporter and almost every other position that the station needed her to fill and;

WHEREAS, in 1981, Ms. Hayes-Freeland moved to the station's programming department where she created Weekend Magazine and produced what was then known as

Vibrations programs, now known as the Lynne Hayes-Freeland Show. This show which airs on Saturday and Sunday mornings on KD --- KDKA and the CW is a true depiction of a minority-oriented public affairs show. Ms.

Hayes-Freeland exposes her audience to the realities of the African-American community by hosting a variety of guests. Through her show, Ms. Hayes-Freeland breaks barriers and addresses issues that the African American community face and forces her audience to realize that those issues are not isolated but effected the broader community and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes-Freeland makes a point to continually give back to her community. In 1985, Ms. Hayes-Freeland produced KDKA's annual Children's Hospital free care fund telephone --- telethon for five years. Because of these efforts, she was named as the director of community programs until her move to the news department. As an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, she is involved in a variety of community service works and;

WHEREAS, the 40 plus year veteran of KDKA has returned to her original radio roots and is the first African-American to host a full time weekday show in the nearly 100 year history of KDKA radio. This radio show is a true testament to Lynne --- to Ms. Hayes-Freeland's work ethic and an important step for African-American women and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes-Freeland was honored by Talk Magazine as the 2018 Person of the Year at its annual minority awards, receiving this award is an indication of her unwavering commitment as an African-American woman dedicated to pursuing her dreams in an often biased society and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Hayes --- Ms. Hayes-Freeland, as a local trailblazer, has dedicated her personal and professional life to building a community where there are no social, racial or economic barriers and;

WHEREAS, it is that perseverance to breaking through barriers by people like Ms. Hayes-Freeland that has allowed us all as --- as county officials, to focus on ensuring that Allegheny County is an employ --- as an employer is reflective of it's population. Over the past several years, under the leadership of County Executive Richard Fitzgerald, our workforce is becoming more diverse. Since 2012, approximately 25 percent of all new

employees are African-American. Additionally, for appointees to various County Boards, committees and authorities and agencies, African-Americans now hold 23 percent of those seats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, Council Member DeWitt Walton and County Executive Rich Fitzgerald do hereby recognize and contribute --- congratulate Lynne Hayes-Freeland for an extensive and impressive career with KDKA and we congratulate her for being the first African-American woman to host a full time radio show on KDKA --- in KD --- in KDKA history. Also, we thank her for her unwavering commitment to establishing a society where neighbors across America have no social, racial or economic barriers.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto caused the seal of Allegheny County to be affixed to this 19th day of February, 2019. Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive and DeWitt Walton, yours truly.

(Applause.)

MS. HAYES-FREELAND: Thank you. I'm not usually speechless, but after all of that, I feel a little speechless. I had no idea that I was going to be in such esteemed company as the sheriff, as Mr. Reardon. Mr. Frank, I got to tell you, I will use that line. I'm going to keep my speech just like me, short. I love that line. I can't work the Frank in, but I can work the short in. But I thank you for this recognition. I have truly, in my 42 years at KDKA television and who knows how many years at KDKA radio, been blessed with the opportunity to tell stories. That's what I do, I tell stories.

I tell your stories. I tell stories out on the street. We tell good stories, we tell bad stories, we tell sad stories, but it is those stories that unite us. They show us just how much we share in common. They show us that we are all the same. And when I first started at KD radio back in 1976 they had a slogan that said Pittsburgh, someplace special. It is someplace special, and I am delighted to be a part of this community, and I thank you.

(Applause.)

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10972-19 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 10972-19. A Certificate of Recognition presented to Sergeant Raymond Drew Lee as he

celebrates his 100th birthday. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

10973-19. A Proclamation congratulating Coach Danny Holzer upon the occasion of his 400th career win with Upper St. Clair boys basketball team. Sponsored by Council Member Means.

10974-19. A Proclamation congratulating the Templar Chapter Order of DeMolay upon its 100th Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Palmiere.

10975-19. A Proclamation congratulating the Pittsburgh International Auto Show upon it's 75th Diamond Anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Macey and all other Members of Council.

10976-19. A Proclamation congratulate --- congratulating Luigi Della-Ragione, for 42 years of service and dedication to Luigi's Pizzeria and Ristorante and the Bellevue community. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco, Council Member Ranalli-Russell and the remaining Members of Council.

10977-19. Certificates of Recognition awarded to the 2018 Allegheny County Police Department retirees and honorees. Sponsored by all Members of Council.

10978-19. Certificates of Achievement awarded to the Penn Hills High School Football Team for winning the 2018 PIAA and WPIAL Class 5-A Football Championship. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

10979-19. A Proclamation honoring the life, memory and legacy of Dr. Morton "Moe" Coleman. Sponsored by Council Member Prizio and all other Members of Council.

And 10980-19. A Proclamation welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Allegheny county and Pittsburgh's Benedum Center for the Performing Arts on March 5th through 7th, 2019. Sponsored by Council Member DeFazio and all other Members of Council.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have none on agenda items tonight.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10981-19.

MR. BARKER: A Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2018 regular meeting of Council.

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The ayes have it. 10961-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Elizabeth P. Monroe to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2024. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the committee --- that'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10982-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Dillon Moore to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10963-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of James L. Ritchie to serve as a member of the Community Service Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10964-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Laura Richeson Zinski to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10965-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Andrea D. Horton-Mericli to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10966-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cynthia Moore to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 10 --- 10934-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Maureen Quinn to serve as a member of the Board of the



Tri-COG Land Bank for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: President DeFazio, the Committee for Appointment Review met on Wednesday, February 13th and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Maureen Quinn to serve as a member of the Board of the Tri-COG Land Bank. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. CATENA: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Those opposed? The ayes have it. 10938-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Lynne Heckman to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term effective through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, President DeFazio. On Wednesday, February 13th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Lynne Heckman to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. 10939-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Clifford B. Levine to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term effective through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. On Wednesday, February 13th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Clifford B. Levine to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
109 --- 10946-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Theresa D. Edwards to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council for a term effective through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, on Wednesday, February 13th, the Committee for Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the --- the appointment of Theresa D. Edwards to serve as a member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Did we do 10 --- 10946?

MR. BARKER: 46, we've just done. Were on 47.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Forty-seven (47).

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Avis B. Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, President DeFazio. On Wednesday, February 13th the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Avis B. Kotovsky to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10948-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Cara Ciminillo to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, President DeFazio. You know, again on Wednesday, February 13th the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Cara Ciminillo to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. MACEY: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10950-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Rhonda Marlene Harrison to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, President DeFazio. On Wednesday, February 13th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Rhonda Marlene Harrison to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10951-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Helen Cahalane to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2021. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes, President DeFazio. On Wednesday, February 13th, the Committee on Appointment Review met and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Helen Cahalane to serve as a member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board. I'd like to make a motion.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
10940-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Section 2105.90 "Gasoline Volatility", and Section 2107.15, "Gasoline Volatility and RFG", of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, "Air Pollution Control." Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. And Jim, would you come up, please? I asked Jim to come up here and explain these ordinances here so everyone could be --- be better --- you know, be able to understand these a little bit better, I think. Okay. Jim, please.

MR. KELLY: So this first ordinance is the gasoline volatility rule. It's also known as, you've heard it called the RVP rule. And the purpose of --- the original purpose of this rule was an ozone pollution control measure adopted by the state many years ago and it has been rescinded by the state. The --- the RVP is called raid vapor pressure, it means the ability of gasoline to evaporate. And so this rule creates a --- a gasoline blend with a --- a RVP number that actually evaporates less.

It only happens in the summertime, and so that's why gasoline prices go up in the summertime because we have this requirement by the state and we have adopted it so we can approve it --- that applies during the summer. And so the state has rescinded that rule. One of the reasons they rescinded that rule is because vapor recovery on your vehicles and vapor recovery at the pumps are --- are good enough now so they'd basically take the place of that. So the state has rescinded the rule and they've used some other emission measures to offset any changes in emissions.

They've sent it to EPA, EPA has approved this rule change. They actually approved it in --- December 20th of 2018. And so what we're doing here today is we have this rule in our books. This rule for Allegheny County adopts the state rule so we can --- enforce the state rule. The state rule no longer exists, so we can't enforce that rule anymore. And so we're asking you to approve this amendment to strike this rule from our books.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let's start down this end.  
Representative Catena?

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President. So just for clarification purposes, there was a story on KDKA this past weekend that basically stated that we were behind in passing this and that obviously this wouldn't --- this could affect the price of gasoline. The sum --- the summer blend gas that you actually referred too. Can you clarify that or what exactly that was, because that would have no effect on that; correct?

MR. KELLY: Well, that --- that is confusing. We haven't adopted so it is still on the books, so theoretically someone could make the assertion that well you need to enforce it but the state has given us the discretion to not enforce it for --- for our own rule. Because again, the state rule doesn't exist anymore and so we can't. They actually --- when the state removed the rule prior to EPA approval, they actually gave themselves the enforcement discretion to not enforce it which applies to us as well.

The original rule applied for a seven county area and we were just a portion of that county. And so it is confusing saying we were behind on the rule. Well, and --- in effect we are, because we haven't --- we haven't rescinded this rule and struck it from our books yet. But again, it's not enforceable and so we have enforcement discretion to not enforce a rule. So I know that's kind of confusing, it's not very helpful, but ---.

MR. CATENA: Well --- and the question was asked in our Health and Human Services Committee.

MR. KELLY: Okay. Yeah. Yep.

MR. CATENA: Obviously are we going to be paying --- are the residents of Allegheny County going to be paying more for gas or less for gas?

MR. KELLY: We are not.

MR. CATENA: Okay.

I just wanted to ---.

MR. KELLY: The --- the state action was the official action and we need to do the administrative part to remove our rule that relies on the state rule to enforce.

MR. CATENA: I just wanted to be sure that was clear and on record. Thank you.

MR. KELLY: Yeah. Okay.

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Who else? Anybody? Is that it?

MR. PALMIERE: On this particular ordinance, I'd like to move for approval, please.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Under remarks first? Seeing none, let's go with the roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Are we on 10941?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

MR. MCKAIN: That's correct, Mr. President.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying amendments to Section 2102.06, "Major Sources Locating in or Impacting a

Nonattainment Area", and Section 2101.20, "Definitions", of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, "Air Pollution Control".

MR. KELLY: Would you like me to?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes, please.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. KELLY: Okay. Would you like --- I'm going to explain this rule in brief as well. And so this rule --- the basic name for it is called nonattainment new source review. What it does --- this is a federal requirement. It applies to Allegheny County whether we adopt it or not, but we need to adopt it so we can enforce it because we have our own air pollution program and so we need to make sure federal rules are passed onto this county so we can adopt.

What it means is, if you're a major source, which means over 100 tons per year of any pollutant. If you want to build a facility in Allegheny County or if you want to modify that to a certain extent, you have to offset your emissions from somewhere. You have to reduce emissions somewhere else. Again, this is a federal requirement because Allegheny County currently doesn't meet the federal standards for fine particulate matter. A lot of you know that is at PM 2.5.

So because of that, we have to submit a plan to EPA and that's called a state implementation plan, you will hear the word SIP a lot. We have to submit a plan to EPA showing how we're going to bring this county into attainment with that standard. But because we are nonattainment, there are federal requirements that apply that we have to adopt those regardless whether we want to or not. We can adopt those or adopt something more stringent. And so before we can submit that plan this summer which we are required to submit that plan, we have to make sure that this rule is adopted and enforceable.

This is a portion of the SIP, it's a requirement by EPA. If we don't adopt this, it makes our planning complete. When that plan is submitted later --- later this summer, if that plan is not complete by requiring all those federal requirements we will be sanctioned. And two of the sanctions that will be applied was we will lose federal transportation money and this rule itself becomes more stringent. And so in a nutshell that is what we're

asking you to adopt today. The rule itself and the definition that defines a major source under the rule.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Go ahead, Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing, Mr. President. Mr. Kelly, what is a SIP for the people of the county that are not members. What is a SIP?

MR. KELLY: So I know Councilwoman Means, you know. So it's a state implementation plan and there's many types of SIP but the SIP that we're talking about here, like I said, when you fail to meet those federal standards for air quality the --- whether the state or the local agencies, whoever is responsible for the air pollution program in that area. They have to put together a plan that shows what emission measures and reductions are you going to put in place by a certain time period to show, by a future date that EPA will set that date, that you're going to meet that --- that --- those --- those air pollution requirements. They're called the national urban air quality standards. So is that --- is that helpful or do you need ---?

MS. MEANS: I just wanted to tell them what a SIP was.

MR. PALMIERE: That's what it is.

MS. MEANS: Okay.

Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President, I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll take the roll call vote on this.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.



MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

MR. PALMIERE: Jim, thank you.  
MR. KELLY: Okay. Thank you, Council.  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10922-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing use of property in the County's South Park for use as an outdoor educational classroom, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. This ordinance would authorize the creation of an outdoor amphitheater-style classroom near the Cascades feature in South Park. And we saw some pictures, they had some drawings of this. This is going to be a really unique feature and I --- I think that, you know, we're considering moving South Park and all the parks forward and this is a great --- a great idea here to --- to accomplish that goal. And this met with an affirmative recommendation, Mr. President. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. MEANS: Thank you. I would like the Director of Parks, Andy Baechle, to come up and go into a little bit more detail. I'm really excited about this project, and I just thought the members might want to hear

a little bit more detail about the whole area and the plan for the area.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, is he here? Oh, he's in the back. Okay.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you, Councilwoman. We're talking about building an amphitheater made out of natural stone right above the Cascades in South Park. The rangers sort of have their HQ there in the old tennis court building. That's where we were going to put the new meadow in so they can meet at the tennis court building, go to this amphitheater, have some kind of class or formal programs. There will be a big fire ring behind it and then they can go hike in the woods or whatever.

It's being completed in conjunction with the revitalization and restoration of the Cascades, to be used by County rangers and other groups for outdoor education of individuals and groups. It'll be 48 inches long, 24 inches tall and 18 inches deep. These stones will be all hand cut and then just set in three shapes of a C. So you know, sort of like amphitheater shape with a fire ring behind it.

MR. MCKAIN: Do we think that'll be done this year?

MR. BAECHLE: It should be done this year.

MS. MEANS: Mr. --- Mr. --- Director Baechle, so where is --- for the other members, where is the Cascades located exactly in South Park?

MR. BAECHLE: Okay. So if you're going down Corrigan Drive, that's the main street in the park and there's the circle. Right around the circle is the Oliver Miller Homestead. Behind the Oliver Miller Homestead is a parking lot, and above that parking lot is the Cascades.

MS. MEANS: And we're doing this project in conjunction with the Parks Foundation?

MR. BAECHLE: Correct.

MS. MEANS: And they're contributing so much money and then we're --- and then, how much are we going to ---?

MR. BAECHLE: It's approximately a \$55,000 project and \$14,000 of it is coming, as from a donation from the Park Foundation, Allegheny County Park Foundation.

MR. MCKAIN: It's a great fund.

MS. MEANS: Yeah, thank you very much. I'm real excited about it and there's plenty of parking there

because of the Oliver Miller Homestead. It's like a --- if you could've seen the picture, I mean it's a great grand idea and it's just a wonderful ---. Again, the Parks Foundation is partnering with us. And also, the Penguins there helping to restore the Cascades, which is like all these rocks and all this water flowing. It's absolutely going to be spectacular.

It was there before and then over time it just filled in and we didn't maintain it. It cracked it and it filled with silt and so now we're restoring this, just gorgeous area in the park. So thank you very much, Mr. McKain and Andy Baechle. Thank you so much.

MR. BAECHLE: Oh, you're welcome.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes?

MR. PALMIERE: This is also --- North Park got the lake and we got the cascades, okay. I --- I thank you gentlemen and I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Second? Under remarks, go ahead?

MR. WALTON: What is the level? I heard --- I heard Council Member Means indicate that there is a contribution by the Pittsburgh Penguins in this project?

MR. BAECHLE: It's --- it's in the Cascades project. This is sort of an addition to the Cascades. It's right above it but the Penguins have donated a quarter million dollars plus some money for an endowment towards the Cascade project.

MR. WALTON: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. With that, we'll have a roll --- a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. That was 922; right?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All right. We're going to  
10923-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club, Incorporated to use a structure on Brownsville Road in the County's South Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. This ordinance would allow the Golden Triangle Obedience Training Club to conduct dog obedience training in Exhibit Building number 8 in South Park. And I'll tell you, if you're spending any time down in South Park with people walking dogs, we're really going to welcome a school that take care of, you know, and to train these dogs. So I move for approval, Mr. President.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?  
MR. BAKER: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?  
MR. CATENA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?  
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10942-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of approximately 10 acres of land located adjacent to the County's North Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of Council. In case you were wondering what I do with my spare time, the --- this ordinance, Mr. President, would authorize the acceptance of a donation of roughly 10 acres of property located adjacent to North Park from the Allegheny Land Trust. And if I'm not mistaken, I think it's --- it's continuous. I think it's just continuous what the --- with our park land. So I --- again, we --- this met with affirmative recommendation, Mr. President, and I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? See --- Oh, Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Again, I would --- I'm real excited about this acquire --- acquisition of this property and I was wondering if the Director of the Parks could come up and talk a little bit more about what a gem this property is, and our relationship with --- what is the name of it --- Allegheny. Thank you. Thank you.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you, again. So this is 10 acres of land, it's in conjunction with the Allegheny Land Trust. The donation will be finalized and then they will donate the property to the County at no cost to the County. It's about 10 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to North Park and Hampton Township near Wildwood Sample Road along Pine Creek. It's currently owned by Mr. Miller. The property will be acquired by the land trust and immediately donated to the County.

The property will remain as a green space and be used as passive activities such as hiking and fishing. There will be no structures on the property. And it's sort of connected by a little thin arm of land and then it comes along the creek. So it's a nice 10 acres and it's somewhere for the eagles to fish.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other? Seeing none ---.

MS. MEANS: Mr. Baechle, and the people will be fishing there as well. It's just a real gem of property that people can hike to and fish, and you already have your eye set on fishing in that creek?

MR. BAECHLE: I had to --- I had to have some help finding it with some of my employees, and they had shared with me that that's where they'll be fishing next year. It's a nice place.

MS. MEANS: Thank you.

MR. BAECHLE: You're welcome.

MS. MEANS: Good --- good job. And just to share with the members that our director is constantly looking for exquisite property to acquire to enlarge our parks and enrich the quality of our parks. So thank you very much, Director Baechle.

MR. BAECHLE: Thank you all.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. We'll have a roll call.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?  
MR. FUTULES: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?  
MS. KIRK: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?  
MR. KLEIN: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?  
MR. MACEY: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?  
MS. MEANS: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?  
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?  
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?  
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?  
MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?  
MR. WALTON: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: President Defazio?  
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.  
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10958-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to acquire by condemnation certain right-of-way and easement areas from a parcel required to stabilize the slope supporting Elizabeth Street southeast of Scott Drive in Dravosburg Borough --- Borough, and to take such further action as may be necessary under applicable law, including the Eminent Domain Code. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Go ahead, Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. About a year ago, there was a landslide on Elizabeth Street in Dravosburg and they shut the road down completely. Eventually with some studies, they were able to open it to one lane. However, there is property there that --- that needs to be acquired for, as you heard, for the purpose of repairing and creating a right-of-way.

Allegheny County rarely --- rarely likes to go into eminent domain. However, as it was explained in our

meeting on the 12th that the individuals, three people who own the property, worth about \$500 could not be located. Therefore, that's why this ordinance is coming into play. At the meeting, it was affirmed to the full Council with an affirmative recommendation and therefore I move for approval.

MS. MEANS: Second.

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

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Defazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Liaison reports? Let's see. We'll start over there first. Go ahead, Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. A couple quick updates. First, our second, third and fourth youngest leaders in the room are in the back. They're



from the Carnegie Mellon, University of Roosevelt Institute, so thanks to Jacob and the moderator from our debate that we had in the fall, like a little campus debate that was really, really cool. So they are at the Roosevelt Institute, they are CMU student leaders.

The event that they had in the fall had over 100 people which was great to have young people from the college learning and growing and collaborating. So we're going to be doing a little Q and A with them. If any Council Members want to stick around and meet Jacob and the crew that would be --- that'd be great. So thanks to the three of you for being here and keep up the good studies and thanks for being targets. So we're glad --- glad to have them here. And I have to be honest, it's things like that that really got me involved in college and learning about government and thinking that this is a seat that --- that maybe I could be in some day. So I hope the three of them have the similar experiences in their lives.

Other quick updates. I warned you all that the Junior Achievement Inspiring Success Awards were coming up February 8th. They were great. Keyva Clark, if anyone knows her, she works within the City of Pittsburgh. I got to pass along the Mayor Caliguiri award to her from year to year which was --- which was really nice. We did end up winning the Northern Chamber Young Professional Award. My daughter did make fun of me in the program booklet and said that she was proud that I was just considered still young, as I am only considered a young professional for four more months but that was fun that she put the little ad in there. She's only 13 months, so I understand she didn't actually do it, but my wife did that.

But we had --- we recorded episode number 12 of get involved in Moon Township. It's the public access show that I have that we tape every couple months, there are a few of you that have been on it in the past. Just some great leaders that could be good for other Council Members to connect with. Christine Graziano, who is the founder of Plant Five for Life. She is doing a lot of things, including a joint event actually with our mutual friend, Representative Kulik. The principal of OLSH and some students there including somebody that was on the OLSH WPIAL champions. We had a national ice skating champion from the school there as well. John Locke, the

director of student life and the director of all shook up on campus.

And Lee Tamburro, who has won the student leaders within the Veteran's Association. I think Sam or Cindy, maybe a few of you if you've ever been to this. On --- on September 11th they have a memorial at RMU right outside on the lawn. Sam, have you been to this?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BAKER: No. Okay. It's --- we're going next year together. So it's an incredible event and they have a --- the students actually put a flag in for everyone that passed away on 9/11 and give speeches and it's really somber, but --- but incredible. Reminder to Council colleagues, tomorrow night is the state of the airport, it's the person that represents the airport. And then, also we got invited to the brunch with --- with Christina Cassotis and the County Executive on March 3rd. And just finally, a media --- elected officials event that we're doing together, Representative Kulik and I, March 2nd in Ben Avon. That is the quick District 1 update.

Again, I want to remind everyone. If you want to meet those three young leaders in the back, Roosevelt Institute is here and they would love to chat with you after the meeting. Thanks so much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Let me get --- get down here and I'll be right up there. Go ahead, Representative Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Two weeks ago, I reported the grand opening of the Oakmont Bakery. Ever since then, they've been in the news quite a bit over the extreme amount of people coming to the bakery, the traffic and complaints, whatever. But I live right up the street and I see it every day. An average of 20 to 50 people standing outside waiting to get into the bakery that --- that holds 200.

Marc Serrao, the owner, forecasted that he was going to serve approximately 600 or 700 people a day. It turns out he's serving 3,000 people a day. It has become the most popular spot in this area, for sure and there working currently with PennDOT, Oakmont Borough and --- to alleviate some traffic issues. And what a great thing to have that problem, right. Too many people coming to your business. I mean, 3,000 people a day to a bakery. Unbelievable. Congratulations, Marc Serrao.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'd be a lot of doughnuts.

MR. FUTULES: Huh?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: A lot of doughnuts.

MR. FUTULES: That's a lot of doughnuts. Congratulations, Marc.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

We'll move down here. Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to share that the Friends of South Park will be holding an Oldies Dance on Saturday, this Saturday, March the 23rd from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Home Economics Building in South Park. And if you'd like tickets, and they have like a live DJ and food will be catered. Tickets are \$25 a person and you can buy them from Sharon Adams at 412-897-2407.

And I wanted to share, I recently got a letter from the Chairwoman of the Friends of South Park and she shared that in the last eight years, they've raised \$80,000 to benefit projects in the park. So congratulations to the Friends of South Park. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I'll be down there. Let's start here with Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. I just want to take the time to congratulate, Tony Cortazzo was named the Police Chief and --- on January 15th in Baldwin Borough. And the interesting thing was, Tony was promoted from within. He's been a great asset to the community for a lot of years and this is a well-deserved promotion for him. I just wanted to make that as a matter of record, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. --- thank you, Mr. President. In Decem --- in December, there was a huge fire at the Clairton Coke Plant. And subsequent to that, there had been releases that exceeded federal standards in the air --- air --- air quality standards. And there has been a good deal of --- of conversation about what's going on at the Clairton Coke Works. Along with --- other US Steel properties across Allegheny County. Clearly, it is a --- it is a problem and to it's credit, US Steel has slowed coking times and changed and shifted from Coke-Oven

gas to heat the batteries to natural gas which helps alleviate the problem of air quality violations.

It is my belief that three things should occur. And one, US Steel has to fix that equipment, that air pollution equipment to the highest standards possible. Secondly, they have to become better partners with the communities that are impacted by those releases. And third, particularly in the Clairton area and the Clairton community, it is my belief that they should work to improve their hiring diversity from those affected communities as well.

There are 3,000 jobs that are here in the valley. And when you multiply those jobs in manufacturing with the ancillary support positions, it is clear that we cannot afford to lose that kind of employment but that does not give free reign to not being in compliance with the law as well. So I think US Steel is trying, and putting forth a good faith effort to mitigate the problem that's there. But they have a continuing obligation beyond that as well and I hope that they live up to their continuing obligation of being a good --- a good community citizen. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Representative Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Last --- last Wednesday, I attended a program that was hosted by the graduate school of public health of the University of Pittsburgh and the subject was, the human right to health. And the focus of the discussion on that day was the efforts that are being made by healthcare professionals to call attention to inequality and racism. And --- and it's health impacts for people who are members of racial and ethnic minorities in this region and obviously around the country as well.

One of the great barriers to people in this region is that there is a growing Hispanic population in this area, and yet finding healthcare professionals, doctors and other healthcare professionals to support them, the --- the number people who are actually Spanish-speaking and can communicate with patients who have limited or no resources at all is --- is pretty paltry. So it's something that we ought to be paying attention too, it's something that we ought to be aware of. It proves to be another barrier for people who need help, who need to see a physician and yet, the system is

really no open and really not accessible because of those barriers. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more. 10983-19.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, 10982-19?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: Okay. An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing demolition of certain structures in the County's Deer Lakes Park. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 109 --- 10983-19.

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PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the Committee on Parks. 10984-19.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive actions from January 1st through January 31st, 2019.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Does someone want to make a motion?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: To receive and file? Okay. There's a motion to receive and file. Under remarks?

Seeing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment?

MR. BARKER: We have several. First up will be Ronald Bandes.

MR. BANDES: Council Members, Mr. President, I am Ron Bandes, residing at 1531 South Negley Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh. I am the president of Vote Allegheny, a non-partisan election integrity organization. I am also an active member of the Black Political Empowerment Project, the League of Woman Voters and I'm a Board member of the Voter Empowerment Education and Enrichment Movement, VEEM, in Homewood.

The governor and the secretary of the Commonwealth have directed all counties to buy new voting machines before 2020. If we were smart, we'll buy those machines in time to use them at the 2019 municipal

election so that we are not introducing not only new machines but new procedures in a Presidential election year when turnout is heavy and not a lot of room for error. That leaves very little time to write and send out a request for proposals to vendors. Receive and review the responses, make a selection, get funding, negotiate a contract, write new procedures for the elections division. Create new documentation, write new training for poll workers, conduct the training and run a public awareness campaign.

Vote Allegheny is nationally recognized for it's technical expertise in voting systems and we stand ready to assist the County in this election process. But tonight, I wanted to talk about the business aspects of the vendors.

One vendor was alerted to a serious security vulnerability by this County 10 years ago. That vulnerability has still not been addressed. That company also worked hard to squelch a forensic analysis of the machines they provided, when nearby Venango County's Board of Elections wanted to get to the bottom of numerous reported irregularities in their election. And this company is, right now, hamstringing a software examination of their system in Florida.

They told Florida they could view the software only with their eyes and take no notes whatsoever. They prohibited the use of automated analysis tools, which is not only the norm but is the --- but is the only way to effectively evaluate complex software. I hesitate to mention the name of the company because this is a litigious organization. The legitimacy of government rests on the trust that citizen's place in their elections. Let's not put our trust or our money in companies that cannot help us to conduct trustworthy elections. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Juliet Zavon.

MS. ZAVON: I want to address the subject of election security. I hope you are all aware of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Pennsylvania election security that just came out with it's report and recommendations. Among it's key points, it debunks the myth that are voting machines and secure because they're not connected to the internet. There's a good way to confirm or disprove that if you're skeptical.

At no cost to local government, the Department of Homeland Security provides a range of services to secure our elections. It's like getting an annual physical from your doctor. I've included it in your package, an excerpt from the services DHS offers. Go to their website and read about election security.

In January 2017, DHS designated elections to be critical US infrastructure. That's a specific category that includes power plants, chemical manufacturing and sectors critical to our country. The State of Pennsylvania used DHS's election services at the state level. It needs to be done in all 67 counties. Why won't Allegheny County get a physical on it's election security, it's free. Do it. Why is it important to focus on security of your existing machines when we hope to get new ones?

First, every single election is important. We cannot give a pass to risks that can be avoided. If you plan to get a new car in two years, you still get your car's brakes checked. Second, the training involved in working with DHS is critical because threats, risks and cyber security are not static. We need to be prepared. If County officials work with DHS now, they will be better informed and in a better position to make decisions about voting machines, as well as other aspects of our election systems from voter registration to back office operations. It's all part of security. And what about public confidence in our election, given the daily news and given the Blue Ribbon Commissions report. If Allegheny County works with DHS, it will show the public that the County government takes elections seriously enough to invite DHS in and accept their evaluations and recommendations. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Jill Diskin.

MS. DISKIN: Good evening. My name is Jill Diskin. I live at 1243 Murdoch Road in Pittsburgh. I'm here to talk about the replacement of voting machines in Allegheny County. I have a particular concern. Allegheny County residents have not had an opportunity to access the kinds of certified voting machines that are currently under consideration. Bucks County, Erie County, Berks County, Westmoreland County and Montgomery County have all had voting machine expos. What plans are Allegheny County officials making to involve Allegheny County citizens in

the review of replacement voting machines? Time is of the essence. Allegheny County residents expect to see a voting machine plan, a comprehensive plan that addresses this and other voting machine concerns. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Courtney Sikora.

MS. SIKORA: Good evening and thank you for having me and listening to what I have to say. I tried to come last week but didn't know about signing up. I had quite an experience this past November in trying to vote and also help others vote. I ended up getting --- signing up for ballots for patients, and I don't know if any of you have any experience with ballots for patients, but it was an absolutely brilliant program in which, we ask people ahead of time to sign up to try to get a ballot because when they're in the hospital there is no way for them to vote.

If they can't --- I mean, people were actually trying to get out of the hospital early when they weren't even ready to go home just because they wanted to have --- they wanted to be able to use their right to vote. And --- so we actually --- a group of people actually go in. We can't talk to the patients individually, we have to find out from the nurses if anyone wants the right to vote. And so then, we have to go in and we have to get an absentee ballot. It's --- it's an enormous procedure. Then they --- then an attorney has to come in.

It has --- all the --- all that information has to be taken to an attorney. It has to get notarized, then it has to come downtown and get accepted by a judge and then it has to go back. It's an all-day process and I've never experienced anything like it. When we were there, so many people were incredibly thankful that we brought them the ballots and everything else, but I can't begin to count the number of nurses and doctors that stopped us and said, wait, can't we get one? And I said no, I'm sorry. This is an emergency absentee ballot. We can't give it to you, it's only for patients. And they said, but we can't get home to vote. We work 12 hour shifts, there's no way that we can vote. By the time that we get started, they haven't opened. By the time that we get home, they're closed. And I said, I apologize. I don't --- I, you know, I didn't --- I didn't really have an answer for them and that was really sad for me.



Secondly, I also drove a couple of women to the ballots that could not --- that didn't have access to getting there. They --- one of the women told me that she signed up to have someone help her at the last election which was the Presidential election and she was unable to go. The --- the people didn't show up so she was unable to go. So I drove her down and she was incredibly thankful. But the number of people that don't have access to getting to the ballots is maddening to me, and it's not fair and it's not right. And I go back, Congressman Walton, with what you were saying about every single person here should have the rights to vote, you were talking about with Black History month and everything but everyone should have that ability.

Now, I did live in Seattle, Washington and the wonderful thing there is that all --- the ballots were mailed home. The ballots came into my mailbox. All I had to do was fill it out and send it back. So there was no need to --- to find transportation. If I was in the hospital, you know, someone could've brought me my ballot from my home and so I actually think the write-in ballots is phenomenal. I didn't have to drive anywhere, all I had to do was put it back in the mailbox. So I think that's a great way to go. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Edward Wrenn.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Not here?

MR. BARKER: Why not? Last up is Alison Fujito.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: You can start, he'll get that ---.

MS. FUJITO: Can I start? Okay. Thanks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MS. FUJITO: So measles is on the rise, measles is in the news and we don't hear on the news about the serious efficacy problems with the current measles vaccine, MMR, which is actually a three in one shot for measles, mumps and rubella. We don't have a measles-only vaccine. The problem is, measles immunity conferred by the recommended two doses of MMR vaccine wanes significantly within a few years. Our average lifespan is 78 years.

I attached a study showing that more than 15 percent who had both recommended doses of MMR had zero measurable measles' antibodies only 20 years later. The target for herd immunity is 95 percent; right? Do the

math. This is actually called vaccine failure. It turns out MERCK is immune to liability for vaccine failure, thanks to the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act which protects manufacturers, rather than vaccine-injured children.

MERCK originally promised in 1971 that one shot would confer lifetime immunity. We now have two shots and they're not working as promised. Vaccine failure within 20 years is not herd immunity. You only get herd immunity when enough of the herd has lifetime immunity. Now here is something even more troubling. MERCK has been in federal court since 2010 on fraud charges concerning MMR vaccine, launched by their own virologists who said that they were fought --- forced to falsify efficacy data for the mumps portion of the MMR.

The only vaccine options right now are MERCK's MMR and MERCK's MMR plus chicken pox vaccine. Why are we being held hostage to a vaccine manufacturer who stands accused of fraud? I don't have time to talk about the safety issues, other than to remind you that 99 percent of adverse reactions go unreported, yet there are still 8,800 reported serious adverse events and 415 deaths associated with MMR vaccines. Telling everyone to get more of the same vaccine is not going to fix this. Removing the right to say no is not going to fix this, but it's being discussed. It's also completely unethical.

What about producing a better, safer vaccine and holding the manufacturer accountable for vaccine failure and for vaccine injury like every other drug on the market. What about investing in research to learn what susceptibilities there are to measles complications and what susceptibilities there are to vaccine reactions. Studies to date are not set up to look for either now. Now, do any of you have any idea how many severe adverse vaccine reactions have happened in Allegheny County? No, you wouldn't. We need to address the failure of the vaccine injury reporting system.

Nobody can make a reasoned recommendation when 99 percent of adverse reactions go unreported. Not health officials, not doctors and certainly not government. I have about 20 more seconds, may I continue?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, what do we --- do we want to go 20? Okay. Yeah, make it quick, because ---.

MS. FUJITO: I appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I stop everybody at three.

MS. FUJITO: There's --- there is nothing wrong with offering the current vaccine to those who want it as long as they have the choice and knowledge that it can --- cannot result in herd immunity. When we buy a car, we can easily research safety records and crash test reporting and we can sue the manufacturers for things like stuck accelerators and brake failure because they're held accountable under product liability laws. Nobody is accountable for vaccine failure and vaccine injury. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, thank you. Someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. WALTON: So moved.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

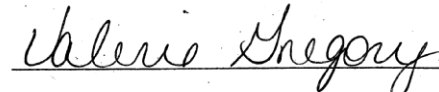
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it.  
Meeting adjourned.

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