

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

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| John P. Defazio | - | President |
| Nicholas Futules | - | Vice President, District 7 (Via Telephone) |
| Samuel DeMarco, III | - | Council-At-Large |
| Tom Baker | - | District 1 |
| Cindy Kirk | - | District 2 (via telephone) |
| Anita Prizio | - | District 3 |
| Patrick Catena | - | District 4 - (Via Telephone) |
| 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: We'll have the 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?

(No response.)

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. Palmosina?

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: 13 members are present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 11007-19 and the rest will be read into the record.

MR. BARKER: 11007-19. A Proclamation congratulating the 2019 Allderdice Hall of Fame inductees. Sponsored by Council Members Baker and Klein.

11008-19. A Proclamation honoring the efforts of American Legion Department Commander James Vollrath. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

11009-19. A Proclamation honoring the efforts of the American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad. Sponsored by Council Member Futules.

11010-19. A Proclamation honoring Chief Donald R. Dorsch upon his retirement and for his 42 years of dedicated service to law enforcement. Sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

11011-19. A Proclamation thanking U.S. Army Veteran, Eli Smith, for his dedication and commitment to raising awareness for PTSD and veteran suicide. Sponsored by Council Member DeMarco.

And 11012-19. Certificates of Recognition presented to the 2019 Pittsburgh's Couriers Men of Excellence Awardees. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Public comment on agenda items?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

At this time, we'll have the Chief Executive Quarterly Address.

(Applause.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. Before we get started, obviously, this meeting is a little different because of what's going on in the --- in the courthouse and around the courthouse today. I really want to thank and praise all of our public safety community. Obviously, the sheriff who is in charge of courthouse security. I see Superintendent McDonough is here and his team. Working with Chief Schubert, the city police chief, emergency services, really --- and state police. It has really been a team effort to prepare for, you know, obviously a very, very trying and very difficult trial that's going on in our courthouse this week.

So I didn't want to begin the comments without praising the men and women who are --- you know, making sure that we are --- not just those of us who are in this courthouse but throughout the community remaining safe.

I wanted to --- I don't know if you saw the story that --- that hit yesterday that I think all of us can be very proud of and take a lot of credit for, that our unemployment rate in the Pittsburgh region is 3.8

percent in the last month. That is the lowest it has been since 1970, 49 years ago. Now, I'm not going to ask all of you what you were doing in 1970. Some of us might not have even been born, but when you think about where we have been and where we have come, 49 years ago that we, you know, that our unemployment is 3.8 percent. You know, back in those days, the Steelers had not yet won a Super Bowl nor had the Penguins won a Stanley Cup.

So it's a long time ago that we've --- we've done a lot of good things, and I think the community at the governmental level, the private sector, our labor unions, our universities, et cetera, et cetera, all working together have really put us on a good path that we can do and things. But we still have a lot of work to do, obviously. And one of the things I want to talk about tonight, the Learn and Earn program, which is something we started a number of years ago with working with the city. That application period is now. That's for folks in your districts. High school kids mostly from ages 14 to 21 who can have internships throughout the --- throughout the region. You know, last year we had 26 different providers that participated, over 380 sites paying more than \$1.5 million in wages for young people to, you know, learn the --- the careers that are out there and what they're doing. So that period of application for folks that you might know in your district will last through May 31st. So we certainly would encourage and get the word out for folks to know that that is --- that is available.

With a number of you a couple of weeks ago, we -- we gave out the banner community awards to the municipalities that participate. We're now up to 65, actually, half of the municipalities who are part of the ALOM banner community. And I know, again, we were joined a couple of weeks ago by Council Members Kirk, Council Member Means, Councilman Baker, Councilman DeMarco, Councilman DeFazio and Councilman Klein were there to --- again, to honor and support our munic --- excuse me, our municipal partners, you know, who --- who have really exceeded and achieved things along professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability, proactive communications and working with their partners, working with their adjacent communities to really solve problems and provide the kind of services that we --- we want to provide.

So again, that's --- that's one of the programs that I think that we're --- we're glad to partner with our municipal partners and want to continue to do that.

We also --- this was an initiative that we started. Just announced about a week ago, the Adopt A Roadway program. I know this is something Councilman Palmiere had talked about a couple of years ago, to get some of our friends out there --- Mr. Macey was part of it too. That --- that we talk about, you know having our friends that were willing to do that and we've already had some folks that have signed up by adopting a county road to --- you know, to produce a couple of clean-ups throughout the year where volunteers go out there and --- and obviously take pride in the roadways and byways that we have here. So that's, again, another positive program that we're doing.

The Live Well Program continues to add more partners. We're up to 62 of our municipalities who continue to add healthy living in their --- in their municipalities. And it's one of the things we want to --- we want to continue to do. You saw a month ago that the airport unveiled their preliminary plans for the design of the --- of the new Pittsburgh International Airport. Again, we're seeing more growth.

At the end of this month, we're going to have the first London flight with British Airways. The first time in 20 years they've been here, as we now have connections to London Heathrow Airport. And we also added service to Birmingham, Alabama, Memphis and Hartford with Via airlines. And passenger traffic was up again last year and the best it's been in 12 years. So continue to see good, good growth out there.

And you may have seen yesterday that the BRT project received one of the highest grades from the Federal Transportation Administration on that grading system. So obviously as the Federal Government moves towards enacting --- and we hope they do --- a transportation and infrastructure program that we've scored very high with the BRT to help alleviate some of the congestion we have on some of the things that we have going on.

This book that is just hot off the presses is going to be in all of your boxes regarding the highlights of 2018. And you see on the cover, one of the highlights was the Meadow that went on in Boyce Park that was such an

attraction last summer that the Parks Department going to be doing and replicating it in some of our other County parks this year. But it really does do a pretty deep dive into a lot of data throughout each of the County departments, whether it be parks, whether it be public works, whether it be the Kanes, whether it be --- you know, whatever the department it might be, you'll be able to see those things on there.

Along public works, as we talked about before, you know, we've been doing a lot more miles of roads last year, but we also expanded that by doing a lot more things. We completed 11 bridge projects last year, in addition to the 43 miles of road that we did. Painting 288 miles of road, replacing over 1,000 road signs, maintaining over 10,000 drains to try to alleviate some of the storm drain flooding that occurs when the drains don't get --- don't get cleaned out. So our public works department, again, hearing from a lot of you --- because I know in all of your districts you hear from your constituents. They've been doing a terrific job in making sure that that happens.

We'll talk about our Kanes a little bit. We actually saw a nine percent increase last year in our Kane enrollment that --- that was there and actually, it's over a 50 percent increase over the last five years. So we do see folks who are using the Kane Living Centers recre --- and I think that's something that we can be very proud of. And again, in all your districts and all your communities, you know, people that --- that want to --- want to have access to what we can provide.

We talked about in the past the Wendell August Forge partnership with the roof tiles. We've, to date sold almost \$50,000 worth of roof tiles that people have purchased which goes, obviously goes into our Parks Department to the Parks Foundation to put things --- put things --- projects that we want to do with our parks. Speaking about our parks, we planted over 2,000 trees last year in two parks in particular in South Park and in Boyce Park, partnering with middle school students from Elizabeth Ford School District as well as the Gateway School District. So we're going to continue that this year and continue to work on some of those initiatives with the County manager and Director Baechle and our facilities department. We continue to put things in like

an RGA which holds back some of the water, the storm water from getting in and polluting our rivers and streams.

We've actually taken out over 20,000 gallons last year with some of the improvements we've made with the RGA's. Adding more trees obviously helped, and some of the improvements that we have made in South Park, for example, with the ice skating rink and the swimming pool, putting more efficient --- energy efficient equipment in place. We've saved over 40 to 50 percent of the energy use in those two areas. So you know, we continue to do these things to try to make things better within the County to improve, you know, some of the issues were --- were working on and we will continue to do that.

So with that, I wanted to open it up to any questions anybody might have on any of the issues that may be of interest to you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any questions? Seeing --- seeing none --- well, wait a minute.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and thank you Chief Executive Fitzgerald. I just want to compliment the administration for the work that they've done in the Mon Valley. We're still not there yet, but we're getting better. And I think that, you know, what we've done as roads and bridges are concerned actually enhances the overall ability to get from point A to point B.

And I just --- even just being chairman of the Public Works only is one part of it. I got to thank all those people out there that put the money together, put the budget together and get the work done. Thank you.

MR. FITZGERALD: Well, thank you, Councilman. And really, the men and women who do the work out there have really just have been tremendous. We talked about road paving but obviously this year the winter, they --- they did a great job with snow removal and getting that out there. We've done many major bridges, obviously in the Mon Valley starting with the Glenwood bridge, the Homestead Grays bridge, the Rankin bridge, et cetera. Major, major investments that have happened there and, you know, we're going to have to continue to work on that infrastructure and transportation is such a big issue. So thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more ---.

MR. FITZGERALD: Thank you, guys. Enjoy. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. 11013-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Debra L. Romanelli 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: That will be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. Let's hold up a minute until everybody ---.

MR. BARKER: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Moving right along, here we go to 11014-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Valerie J. Ketter 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: That'll be referred to the Committee on Appointment Review. 11015-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the reappointment of Yvonne Holt Edwards to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term effective from January 1st, 2019 through December 31st, 2022. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

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

Unfinished business, we're going down to 1 --- 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: Representative DeMarco, do you ---?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Tuesday, March 12th and unanimously recommended the appointment of Elizabeth P. Monroe to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees. I'd like to make a motion.

MR. BAKER: 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.
10962-19.

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: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on March 12th and unanimously --- unanimously recommended the appointment of Dillon Moore to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council. 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. Well, wait a minute. That would be --- like I say, it would be about six --- okay. That's voted on, all right.
10963-19.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of James L. Ritchie 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: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Tuesday, March 12th and unanimously recommended the appointment of James L. Ritchie to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council. I'd like to so move.

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.
10 --- what is that, 10934-19.

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: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Tuesday, March 12th

and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Laura Richeson Zinski to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council. I'd like to so move.

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.
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: Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President. The Committee on Appointment Review met on Tuesday, March 12th and unanimously recommended the reappointment of Andrea Horton-Mericli to serve as a member of the Community Services Advisory Council. So moved.

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.
10982-19.

MR. BARKER: 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: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of Council. We met a week ago and this was --- this is an ordinance that would grant authority to the County to demolish the former administration building in Deer Lakes Park due to its deteriorating and hazardous condition. And if I'm not mistaken, they're planning on putting a new --- a new building in there at some point in time. So --- and this met with an affirmative recommendation, Mr. President. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?
Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I was wondering if the Parks director and possibly the County manager could come up and give a little bit more details about this project. It's really exciting. I just thought the public and other members of Council would like to hear some more positive activity in our parks.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

You want to come up? They're coming up.

MR. MCKAIN: Go ahead.

MR. BAECHLE: Oh, thank you, Councilwoman. The office has been unsafe and unsanitary, and we would like to replace it with a pre-fab building. We think we can tear it down in-house once we check for asbestos and things like that. And we've had hay bales around it for years in the winter to keep it --- keep it insulated. It's --- it's really in deplorable condition and we need to remove it now and replace it later.

MS. MEANS: How much is a pre-fab building going to cost?

MR. BAECHLE: We have not selected the exact building, but in a quarter --- in the neighborhood of a couple hundred thousand to \$252, we think, installed and everything.

MS. MEANS: All right.

MR. BAECHLE: But we do not know yet.

MS. MEANS: And --- and we have money in the budget for demolition and for the new building?

MR. MCKAIN: We --- we do both. The demolition, since it's being used in-house resources, that'll come out of our operating budget, but Council has approved the pre-fab building for us to restore after we take it down. So it's in both budgets, yes.

MS. MEANS: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I think that's it, the questions. Okay. Did you make a motion, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: I did, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: And we had a second?

MR. MACEY: I second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seconded it. Under remarks? Seeing no more, all those in favor --- well, wait a minute. That's an ordinance, yeah. So we have to take a roll call.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

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. 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 13, nos zero. The bill

passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: 10983-19.

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

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council. Again, this was on the same day we --- we met and decided we would send this up to the main Council --- big Council here with the --- a --- an affirmative recommendation. This Ordinance would grant authority to the County to demolish South Park cabin, located near the fairgrounds in South Park due to its deteriorating and --- and hazardous condition. And that's the one at the end of the --- of the row.

MR. BAECHLE: Just to the right of the font building.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

Yeah, so that's a --- that's --- that's going to be a real welcome relief to get rid of that, huh, okay. Okay. And --- and again, this is all in --- in the --- the spirit of trying to get the things done in the parks to, you know, enhance the beauty of them and --- and also to safety. I move for approval, Mr. President.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? Seeing none, we'll have 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. 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 13, nos zero. The bill passes.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Did we --- okay, were we on Liaison Reports?

MR. BARKER: Correct.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Go ahead, Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. In West Mifflin, we have a --- an organization called the West

Mifflin Community Foundation and we strive to help people through hazardous problems through education, recreation and other areas. This Saturday, the 23rd --- the 23rd, we're going to have a senior brunch and bingo. There's no charge. It's just getting people out and getting people to know one another and sharing their thoughts and ideas of what we need in our community to make it a --- a destination of choice and a --- a better place to live. That will be at ten o'clock. That's this Saturday, the 23rd. It's at West Mifflin High School and that's at 91 Commonwealth Avenue. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone else?

Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President.

Well, a lot is happening in the South Hills. So tonight, Congressman Doyle will open his Bethel Park office, and it'll be --- and it's located at, for everyone, 4 --- 4,000 --- well, 4705 Library Road in Bethel Park. The other exciting news is --- I found out from the Friends of South Park. They're doing such a great job raising funds, they're going to donate, if they haven't already done it, \$5,000 to the Parks Foundation to help with the reconstruction of the cascades.

And also on Saturday, this is how they raise their money. They're having an oldies dance at the economic building from 7:00 to 11:00 and that's Saturday the 23rd. It's \$25 a person and if you want to get a ticket, it's 4 --- call Sharon Adams at 412-897-2403 and there'll be music by Cindy and Mike from the WEDO radio station and the \$25 gets you a full dinner.

And I also wanted to thank ---- congratulate Representative Dan Miller on another successful mental health summit in Scott Township, three days. It was the 13th, 14th and 15th. And if --- it's just a wonderful event that provides a lot of information for people with special needs, and they also --- you can get continuing education credits in law and special ed. And I believe next year --- oh, I forget, there's going to be something else offered, but it was a wonderful event.

And one more thing is what I learned when I attended the summit, the --- on --- on the 13th, we actually had a local government panel and discussion about what do people with special needs need? And what they

need is to be at the table when they plan to build events or buildings.

They would like a seat at the table so they are considered for handicapped ramps or, you know, whatever it is they need because they want included in the planning for community events and new buildings. I took that away from that meeting. I also wanted to share with Council, we received a letter this afternoon from the Pennsylvania Family Council and a constitutional attorney so --- regarding Ordinance 1100-19, the banning conversion therapy. And I wanted it to be entered into the record and I wanted everyone to receive a copy of it. So thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Any other remark --- okay, Representative Baker?

MR. BAKER: Thanks, Mr. --- thanks, Mr. President. In District 1 last night, we had a --- a town hall meeting about the opioid epidemic. This one actually --- probably the sixth or seventh, but this one focused on vaping as well, which I thought was a good addition to what we learned about last night. Over 100 people were there, lots of helpful vendors as well.

Switching over to the other side of the District, Public Awareness Weekend is coming up in Moon for MCA TV. I've had 12 episodes of my public access show in Moon so far, but public awareness weekend, if anyone volunteers or helps out with a nonprofit organization, that's what that weekend us all about, is get nonprofits on the shows to spread the word about the good work that they are doing in the community.

I want to congratulate all of our guests from last meeting. I thought that the button party was great this year, all of our St. Patrick's Day committee and --- and leadership friends, Carmelo Mull --- Mullen and everyone invited. We had some good Council, pretty good Council participation this year. Our Council group with --- with Ken at the helm was members Prizio, Catena, Klein and Means, and the five of us had a nice time. I know we had other members with other civic organizations and labor organizations but it was another very successful year so thanks to everyone organizing --- in organizing that.

Two --- one of my favorite things about this role still is going back to the high school and speaking. So I spoke with this amazing group of students from the GATE program last week and it --- there is just so much

--- I mean, the fact that they've never heard of County Council. They really find it interesting, the high school students, I'm sure many of you find. They're starting a mentoring program then going to speak to the Law and Government Academy next week, and my wife and I always do an annual scholarship for the law and government students as well. So we'll be selecting the winner for that soon.

Visit Pittsburgh, double the fun now. So Visit Pittsburgh, I've been on the Board for the last four years, and out of the members of the Board, we will now have double the Council representation because at our annual meeting which you're all invited to on March 28th, we'll be electing Councilman Sam DeMarco, as well as a new Visit Pittsburgh Board Member. Right, Sam?

MR. MACEY: That's a good thing.

(Applause.)

MR. BAKER: That's a good thing, yeah. You seem pumped. No, it's --- it's an awesome organization. It's all about heads and beds. It's all about getting the people to come --- come to our region. I think the second part is always that once that come here for a weekend for a conference or convention, hopefully they'll want to move here. That's always our hope as well. That the event that the County Executive mentioned, the --- the banner event was terrific. The fact that one out of every two communities in our County are doing the right things to be considered excellent at local government is a very inspiring thing. So that was a great event.

Just a reminder to Council colleagues, April 5th is our big day that we go up to ALOM and hopefully we'll have another great Council panel. Office hours, Cindy Kirk, I know, is on the phone, Councilwoman Kirk. Our next office hours are March 26th. We do them once a month at Northland Public Library to get the word out to people about what County Council is and how they can receive services and work with us. And then, just finally this Sunday night, I was on the Board for North Hills Community Outreach for a number of years. I'm going to be MC'ing their block party featuring No Bad JuJu, so has anyone ever seen No Bad JuJu perform?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I've seen them.

MR. BAKER: Okay.

So they're our headliner on Sunday night, Johnny DeFazio has, all right. Very good. So that's our --- our headliner. If you're still looking for something to do

Sunday night, would love to see you there at the Chadwick for the NCHO, North Hills Community Outreach block party and that's my update. Thanks, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Yeah, Representative Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President. I went a couple weeks ago, I had the pleasure of really getting to --- to know second and third graders at Bald --- at Bald --- at Whitehall Elementary in Baldwin Town --- at Baldwin-Whitehall School District. I went in and I read on Dr. Seuss day, and I want to tell you, you want to face a crowd, those are the --- those are the crowd. I --- I had an amazing, an amazing time with those kids. It was just a wonderful experience and I read that, what pet should we get, the --- the book and it was just amazing.

And I got questions like, hey, mister, don't you work? You have a job? What are you doing here? How old are you? I asked that little girl, so how old do you think I am? She says 47. I said, honey, you're going to go a long way in life. And a little --- a little boy behind her said, oh, he's older than that, he's 60. I said, you're going to go a long way, too, there young man. It was just an amazing experience and my daughter teaches the third grade and she doesn't tell the students that I'm her father until afterwards. And boy that really makes --- oh, boy, you should see the expression on their faces then, oh my, you know. But it was --- it's just a great thing. I've done that, I think it's the fourth year and it's the first time I remembered to mention it, Mr. President. So thank you very much for your time.

MR. MACEY: And he cuts my hair.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah. Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. This past Saturday at Ebenezer Baptist Church there was a memorial service for two Pittsburgh firefighters who died in the --- in the fire at Ebenezer Baptist Church 15 years ago. It was a tribute to two men who exemplified that craft is all about. Tackling odds, protecting and serving and giving their all to try to save property and lives. It is with the deepest appreciation that members of that congregation and that community give tribute to a service of those two men and --- and --- and just want to make sure that everyone knows that --- that

kind of valor. That kind of commitment is unmatched.
Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Seeing no more, we'll move
onto 11004-19.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of
Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the
County's acceptance of the donation of two MSA Altair 5x
MultiGas Detectors. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That'll be referred to the
Committee on Public Safety. 11006-19.

MR. BARKER: I apologize, 11005?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. BARKER: A Motion of the Council of
Allegheny County reaffirming it's motion endorsing the
union organizing efforts of the Pitt Graduate Student
Organizing Committee affiliated with the United
Steelworkers union at the University of Pittsburgh from
July 11th, 2017. Sponsored by Council Member Walton.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I want
to start by saying as a member of the United Steelworkers'
Union, I'm extremely proud to serve as a representative of
my union of my community on County Council. But it's also
important for me to say that I receive --- I will receive
no benefit other than workers winning with the successful
unionization campaign at the University of Pittsburgh.
And I want to go a little further and say, this motion is
simply about protecting the rights of worker's to
unionize, unfettered and unintimidated by the company, the
employer.

This motion says that no taxpayer dollars should
be used to run an anti-union campaign here, in this
effort. That we're asking that the worker's at the
University of Pittsburgh have the ability to make a
decision on their own without intimidation, without union
busters paid for by taxpayer dollars. No more, no less.
And it is in that spirit --- it is in that spirit that we
ask that this motion be passed in this vote tonight.
Thank you, sir. I'll address any questions anyone --- any
concerns any member may have.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other remarks?
Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yeah, Mr. President. As === you
as a founding member of Allegheny County Council, I mean,
you've been on here since the very beginning. So I know

you have a great deal of respect for the body and you take care to do this. I appreciate my colleagues pride in representing his employer. It's --- I'm proud of my employer, I'm sure we've all heard Mr. Baker talk about Big Brothers Big Sisters, you know, and everyone else here. But I think it's untoward for somebody working for a particular organization to sponsor a motion endorsing that organization's efforts.

That would be like Councilwoman Kirk suggesting that everybody --- putting forth a motion that everybody should use UPMC Health Insurance because that's where she works, or myself saying that everybody needs to buy software from the company that I buy it from. As far as I'm concerned, I support the folks that chose to join the union out there at the University of Pittsburgh. I support the folks who chose not to. I just think it's none of our business, as Allegheny County Council to be weighing in on something that we have nothing to do with. And I think that I object to somebody here in elected office doing what --- what, to me, appears to be trying to place undo influence on these folks in support of the steelworkers' here.

They're going to have this election here in just a couple weeks. And now we're coming out and --- and re-endorsing something. And I want to bring something up. When I brought this up back in July, my colleague pulled himself off as a sponsor because he recognized that someone else agreed to sponsor the motion. But yet, here he is sponsoring this again. Look, in his LinkedIn page, he's the special assistant to the International President of the United Steelworkers' Union.

Here we're taking --- it says here, he talks about in the motion, he says, my --- taxpayer dollars. Here it says motion of the Council of Allegheny County reaffirming its motion endorsing the union organizing efforts of the Pitt Graduate Student Organizing Committee. That's not what were here for. I mean, do I have to bring the charter or the administrative code to reread to all the Members of Council what our job entails? I don't think so. We're all elected. We all ran for this office. We understand it. You know, this --- this isn't what we're here to be doing and I object.

MR. WALTON: Mr. --- Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, go ahead. Let DeWitt, DeWitt?

MR. WALTON: I, at the beginning of my comments, identified myself as an employee of the United Steelworkers' and I'm an assistant to the president, not a special assistant. Semantics are important. And so, as we move through the litany of inaccuracies, then we have to deal with the --- the --- what I perceive my role to be as an elected on Allegheny County Council.

I unabashedly stand for workers irrespective of what union. The rights of workers have to be protected. It is critical for the workers of America to have the ability to make decision unfettered, unintimidated and more --- and more importantly that we don't use taxpayer dollars to do just that. So I respect the right of my colleague to disagree. That's his choice, that's America. But I do say that if worker's voices are unimportant then my role here on Council is to make sure that we are aware, in my opinion they are important and I will continue, as long as I serve to represent worker's today, tomorrow and forever. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Means?

MS. MEANS: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President. I have real issues with the wording in this motion. We are besmirching the University of Pennsylvania, we're besmirching the University of Pittsburgh. We're implying that --- that, you know, that things weren't done properly or arms are being twisted and misinformation is being given to the graduate students. But the other thing that really upsets me about this is the paper will read, if this passes, Allegheny County passed this pro-union statement.

This statement that says, the University of Pittsburgh is doing something un-tort and they won't list the members who voted no but they'll just say we passed it. So it's a reflection on me. It's a reflection on --- on --- on my philosophy, and anyway, I have great objections. I will be a no. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. I'll get back to you. Go ahead, Representative DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yeah, Mr. President. Thank you very much. I appreciate the passion of my colleague as he's evidenced, you know, many times in the past here in representing workers. I --- I --- I represent, I would like to think that I represent workers as well, okay. And to date, I have not seen anything reported in the news or

whatever that shows that our record --- our workers are being disenfranchised or anything else as it relates to that. When we talk about inaccuracies, I'm --- again, I'm looking at the motion, you know and here it's --- he's talking about taxpayer dollars there.

There is no evidence to prove whatsoever or anything that the University of Pittsburgh is using taxpayer dollars in --- in any way as a union avoidance effort here. In his motion, he refers to that they've hired a firm. Now, they get a tremendous amount of money. They do get a tremendous amount of money from the public. The state awards them a significant sum each year. They also have tuition. They also make a tremendous amount from the endowments that they have.

So there is no evidence whatsoever that any money was given here --- there's no evidence whatsoever that these worker's are being picked on or being unduly influenced. Again, this all comes down to influence. I am not --- this is not against the union. This is not for the non-union folks. I want --- whatever these folks do, I want them to make the free choice on their own. I don't think that it's our rule --- and when we talk about undo influence, this is a body. We have elected officials here and this elected body, they're going to take and say Allegheny County Council endorses the union organizing efforts here. That's not what we're doing.

This is why I came to you and asked specifically that from now on, on all documentation, when it's passed, it lists who voted for something and who voted against it so people can understand that were not all, you know, for this.

Again, listen, I understand, you know, my colleagues desire to take and support, you know, the organization of which he is an employee. I get it. I understand the passion. He's spent a lifetime working for an organization. He's a strong believer in unions and union rights. I get it, I'm not disputing that. I just don't think we're the appropriate body to be weighing in on these type of issues and telling the community that we endorse what these folks do because that's another example of us trying to pick winners and losers. I object.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative DeWitt
Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going --- I'm going to be brief. I'm not going to belabor

the point. What I will say is this. We have a representative from the Post-Gazette that I'm looking at directly now and I'd urge him in his report on this to identify the --- those who vote aye and those who vote nay. I further ask that --- that we move forward with this vote and that we do it on a roll call so that folks can clearly identify themselves as voting aye or nay. And with that, I move that we call for the vote.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Other remarks, go ahead.

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President. For eight years, I was a union officer Local 1256 in Duquesne until the mill shut down. After that, I was still on what was called District 15 which has been turned into District 10. I spent a lot of time organizing and working with unions. To this day, I'm a union member of Teamster 235. I support unions. I have a button here that supports these young people you want to organize at Pitt, but nothing in this motion says anything about taxpayer dollars. I would like to have some evidence.

I've been on this Council for 13 years. We don't normally debate across here, we talk to our president. I support the grads and I support the fact that Councilman DeWitt says he don't want any taxpayer dollars. But as Sam said, Councilman DeMarco said, it could be endowments that's paying for this. That's not taxpayer's dollars. I don't know that. And I don't think we, as elected officials, since --- should sit at a bully pulpit and try to tell people who to organize, who not to organize. I've been there, I've done that but I'm not going to do it from my elected position because that's not what I was elected for.

I'm here to bring jobs to these communities. I'm here to get roads and bridges done. I'm here to make ordinances applicable to people in our communities that doesn't harm people. I think we need to take this particular situation to a committee because that's what we always do. But if you just want to rush it through, we'll just do a motion. You know, I respect him my brother and I consider him my brother, were steelworkers. But I don't think we can dictate what other organizations should do from County Council. And for someone to say, I want everybody to be on notice. I want a --- a roll call vote because I want people to know. I mean, come on, we've

never done that before. What are we trying to do here on Council? You trying to intimidate people, embarrass people, listen ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, one --- one --- one thing. That's not true. I mean, I don't want to get in the middle of this thing like that but look, we have done it. When someone objects to a voice vote, they object and we go through and do it. That has happened.

MR. MACEY: I respect you, President DeFazio. Do what you want.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, I ain't --- no, I'm telling you a fact.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: We have --- when someone says, wait a minute. I want a roll call vote, we've done it.

MR. MACEY: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

So anymore?

MR. MACEY: But for someone to demand that, I don't know.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Well, he's asking, demanding or asking.

MR. MACEY: Okay.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: The bottom line is --- the question is he's --- he's asking.

MR. MACEY: Okay. I respect that.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Any other questions? Seeing none, I guess you might as well go with the roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve, Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Catena?

MR. CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: No.

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 8, nos 5. The motion passes.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. Let's
move down here to notification of contracts, 11006-19.
MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing
approved Executive actions from February 1st through
February 28th, 2019.
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to make a
motion to receive and file?
MR. MACEY: Receive and file, please.
MR. PALMIERE: 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. Public comment on general items?
MR. BARKER: We have several. First up is
Nathaniel Bunn who does not appear to be with us. Next up
would be Janet Edwards Ante. Also not here. Next up
would be Juliet Zavon.
MS. ZAVON: My comment is about election
administration. What's the news? The public deserves
transparency. The elections division has a new director.
What changes does he plan in election administration? Do
they include measures to prevent a repeat of the long
lines that plagued some polling places in 2018 or the
absentee ballots that people applied for and didn't
receive? What about people like me who volunteered to be
poll workers and didn't hear a word from the elections
division until a few days before the election?
The County has a new Board of Elections
appointed last Tuesday. Because there was no news, I
contacted the elections division myself to get the

information. But as of this morning, their website was still not updated.

The public interest is best served when the public is aware of these developments. This Board will select the County's voting machines. We hear that a committee will be involved. Who appoints this committee? Are they committed to a committee that operates according to best practice standards with members recognized for relevant professional expertise? For example, in addition to election security professionals, such a committee should have experts in human use factors. This is the profession that examines ease of use, user friendliness, a key feature for voters and election integrity.

Experts in this field at local universities have long offered their help. Now is the time. A committee comprised largely of political affiliates and non-expert members of the community would not meet best practice standards. And what's the news about funding for new voting machines? There's no money is not a response. It's a cop-out. The County had no money to build a stadium until it decided it was a priority. Don't kick the can down the road. The County does not get a pass on obsolete hackable equipment. Funding is solvable. It's a question of leadership.

The public interest is best served by transparency. Silence fosters mistrust and fears about corruption and decisions made behind closed doors. Personally, I'm keenly interested in public confidence in County government. So I ask you to push for public outreach to fill the gaps I've outlined. I also ask you to set up a series of meetings in different neighborhoods to present updates on election administration and get public feedback. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Jill Diskin.

MS. DISKIN: Hello. I'm Jill Diskin, I live in the Pittsburgh part of town and I'm here also to talk about elections, specifically election security. There are people who would say that our voting machines don't need to be replaced because they're used just twice a year and there expensive. Let me share a story.

A few years ago, my husband and I needed a new ladder because our old one was rickety and wobbly. Although we use a ladder just twice a year, to replace the bulb on our porch light and the battery in our smoke

detector, we got a new ladder. We decided that a new ladder is foundationer --- foundational to our safety and security.

In the same way, reliable voting machines are foundational to the safety and security of our democracy. I look forward to receiving updates about the progress Allegheny County is making toward the goal of acquiring and implementing new voting machines. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Darcy Zotter.

MS. ZOTTER: Thank you. It's a pleasure to meet and address you all this evening. I just want to say I am a recently retired Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State. I've spent the last 26 years of my life explaining the electoral process to people around the world. So to have this opportunity tonight to meet with you and address those people who are directly responsible for ensuring the integrity of our voting process is amazing, so thank you very much.

But following on with what some of my new friends have said, I'd like to point out that when you talk about the integrity of the voting process. This is an issue what we can all agree on. Whether you're on the left or you're the right. I haven't met a single American today who doesn't think it's important. There is not a one. And therefore, when I was meeting with my new friends and getting up to speed on this issue, trying to see where I could usefully become involved in my new home, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County out in Edgewood. This is the issue I chose, why? It starts with the voting process.

People must have confidence. Most recently, I served in Nigeria. I was there for two years. Nobody votes there. Why? Because they know it doesn't mean anything. They have no confidence in the process. So I was pleased to find out that at the state level, Pennsylvania's already gotten on board. Now, some would argue it's a little bit behind. My understanding, it's 1 of only 13 states that doesn't have a paper ballot. Great, you're behind. That's okay. Now you have the opportunity to get on board.

So specifically, at the County level, I'm asking you to do two things. One, allocate and appropriate the funds. And I agree with my friend over there who said it's foundational. Secondly, I would also encourage you to identify the appropriate voting machine. I would argue

strongly that this process of selecting a machine, as in other counties in Pennsylvania needs to be open and transparent. I'm going to end there. I am so excited to be here. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next, next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Carol Ballance.

MS. BALLANCE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I live at 190 Kildee Drive in Pine Township, where I've lived for a little over 38 years. I'm here representing PIIN, the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network. And I've come tonight to speak to you in support of the independent police review board. This is an auspicious day to speak to you in support of this board since the trial of Michael Rosfeld began earlier today.

Allegheny County is in great need of good, consistent policing throughout the County. As we have seen, with roughly 130 police departments in the County, the policies and training can vary widely from community to community. The Board that will be created has two jobs. To evaluate allegations of misconduct and to offer evaluations of policies, procedures and practices of departments. Communities have the ability to opt in or opt out. They also can have a limited opt in for the purpose of reviewing their policies, procedures, training, et cetera, which will be a valuable tool in itself.

The main purpose of the ordinance is to create a review board that shall strive to mitigate the potential for future incidents of police misconduct and abuses of civil rights. It will also serve to protect law enforcement officers --- officers from false accusations of misconduct. The public, who ultimately employ the police, have the right to hold law enforcement officers accountable for their behavior.

The main hope is that by having such a Board, trust between members of the community and law enforcement will begin to increase. Building trust will increase the safety for everyone, including law enforcement. So in closing, I would like to say, please support the establishment of an independent police review board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Ronald Bandes.

MR. BANDES: Good evening, Mr. President and Council Members. I am Ron Bandes, residing at 1531 South Negley Avenue in the City of Pittsburgh. I am the Judge

of Election in Mr. Rogers' neighborhood at the WQED studio polling place. I am also the President of Vote Allegheny, a non-partisan, election-integrity organization. Vote Allegheny has been researching voting system technology and security since it's founding in 2006. I am a retired network security analyst. Our Vice President is a professor of computer science at Carnegie Mellon.

You can encourage the Board of Elections to take election security seriously. Two of you have been appointed as acting members of the Board. The Board, even the acting Board, can request the United States Department of Homeland Security to conduct a vulnerability assessment of the County's voting system. DHS will perform this assessment for any election jurisdiction free of charge. All you have to do is send an e-mail message asking for it. We have both a special election and a municipal election this year. Shouldn't voters have confidence that the County is doing everything it can to make these elections reliable and trustworthy? This simple action on your part will go a long way toward achieving that goal.

Vote Allegheny stands ready to assist the County with it's substantial expertise in voting technology and security. Helping you to obtain a vulner --- vulnerability assessment from DHS is the simplest of things we can do to make a contribution.

Another thing the Board of Elections can do is utilize the wealth of technical talent in our County. In addition to the substantial computer security expertise to be found here, we have some of the best usability experts in the world at Carnegie Mellon. Let's have them assess the voting systems under consideration for replacement for usability.

The Board could move to rollout a new voting system in time for the November election this year. That will make things go much smoother then implementing new systems and new procedures in a high-turnout, high-stakes, presidential election when there is little time from learning from mistakes.

Finally, I understand that an advisory committee is being convened to research the available voting systems and make a recommendation to the Board this year. Today I'm asking that you make the process --- that you make the process followed by the advisory committee a transparent one. Two years ago, before the directive from the Governor and the Security of the Commonwealth, thousands

of citizens --- County citizens signed petitions asking for voting systems that are secure from tampering, and which provide a voter-verified paper trail to support meaningful audits and recounts which we do not have today. These many citizens want transparency in the selection process for the same reason they want a voter-verified paper trail. These things promote trust.

Surely, the lesson of recent elections is that citizens want voting systems and processes that are trustworthy. Your making the selection process transparent, and the names of the committee's members public will engender trust. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Next?

MR. BARKER: Last up is Tim Stevens.

MR. STEVENS: Good evening, everybody. I want to commend you for the work that you do. I'm Tim Stevens, Chairman of Black Political Empowerment Project, BPEP, and our mission is that African Americans vote in each and every election. But we also encourage all people regardless of race, ethnicity, age or whatever to vote. The issues that we've seen across this country in the last few years, I would hope would make each one of us, regardless of party and persuasion to have a commitment that our process be as transparent as possible.

That our process lead to people being willing to vote in each and every election because they believe in the process. They believe that the process will be fair, the process will be honest and the machines will produce the result that the voters have in fact meant those votes to mean. So we ask, we support that effort of paper ballots with the verifiability and the possibility of scanning so people will sign the ballot, mark the ballot and make sure it is the ballot that they voted for.

As was mentioned, I think that young lady who I've never met before should be part of the advisory committee. Use her international --- I'm serious, use her international abilities. Use the people that we have at CMU and at the University of Pittsburgh. Use the wisdom of a Ron Bandes and the wisdom of Dave Odom, an African American who happens to have great security backgrounds. We cannot afford to have another election where any of us feel the vote that took place was not the vote that took place. That is in all of our interest, even our physiological interest. I worked at a mental hospital.

We don't need to feel sick about what's going in our country or what's going on in our county. So we ask that the security be at the highest level possible, the transparency be at the highest level possible. That we have an advisory committee work --- working with this new Board and that we have that free service from our national government. That has to happen. That homeland security, I see no reason why we do not accept and endorse that kind of service. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. MACEY: Make a motion to adjourn, please.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed?

The ayes have it. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6:08 P.M.

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