

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	Chair, District 4
Robert J. Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Paul Zavarella	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12
Olivia "Liv" Bennett	-	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

PRESIDENT CATENA: Good evening, everyone, I'd like to call this meeting of Allegheny County Council to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Please remain standing for a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated. Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Baker?

MR. BAKER: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules? Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Pamosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Zavarella?

MR. ZAVARELLA: Here.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now have proclamations and certificates. 12075-21.

MR. BARKER: Certificates of recognition presented to the 2021 40 under 40 honorees sponsored by Council Members Baker and Bennett.

MR. BAKER: Mr. President, would it be okay - and I'm going to ask Councilman DeMarco if this is okay to

have the veterans go first as we have some late arriving 40 under 40 folks and the Service Summit attending veterans are all here.

MR. DEMARCO: Mr. President, can I make a motion to amend the agenda?

PRESIDENT CATENA: To answer your question yes, Mr. Baker. That can happen and to answer your question, Mr. DeMarco or Councilman DeMarco, you made a motion to amend the agenda. Is there a second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made, and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion passes. Go ahead, Jared. Read the list.

MR. BARKER: Are we doing the new one first?

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll do the new one first.

MR. BARKER: The new one is bill number 12092-21 a proclamation recognizing Allegheny County Chief Veteran Affairs Officer Dwight Boddorf for dedication to the veterans of Allegheny County and recently being awarded the Veterans' Service Award sponsored by Council Member DeMarco and all other members of council.

MR. DEMARCO: Folks, thank you very much for coming today. I especially want to thank Dwight Boddorf. Dwight is the chief veterans' affairs officer for Allegheny County and is doing a phenomenal job as his office with only three people is trying to take in service and support of over 75,000 veterans within Allegheny County. Allegheny County besides being the second largest county in the state has more veterans in it than any other county in the state and they're trying to service approximately 75,000 folks and they're getting right now through this pandemic approximately 1,000 calls a month.

Dwight was recognized by the governor last month for the job that he and his office are doing and I can't tell you how much I appreciate it and that's why we want to sponsor this proclamation for him.

WHEREAS, Dwight Boddorf the Chief Veterans Affairs Officer for Allegheny County has spent over 10 years working to assist veterans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and;

WHEREAS, over those years he's helped thousands of veterans gain access to benefits, obtain jobs, finish their education and obtain VA healthcare and;

WHEREAS, prior to joining Allegheny County's Department of Veteran's Services in 2019 Dwight worked for the Community College of Allegheny County, Penn State Harrisburg and the United States Department of Veteran's affairs.

WHEREAS, during his time with the VA Dwight developed many policies and procedures for the public relations and patient advocacy divisions which positively impacted veteran enrollment and satisfaction. Under his leadership at the VA the VA Butler healthcare system was awarded its first national communication award and developed a method to expand communication from 6,000 to 80,000 veterans in the region and;

WHEREAS during Dwight's tenure at CCAC the college's veteran enrollment increased by 16 percent and the college student debt decreased by more than 75 percent and whereas while serving a combat tour in Iraq as a United States Marine - Oorah - with a the 2nd LAR based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina Dwight was seriously wounded by a roadside bomb. Ever since that time he has dedicated his efforts to working with other wounded veterans and veterans organizations and whereas once joining Allegheny County Dwight has helped develop new programs and is currently working on a major data sharing project to help reduce veteran suicide. Additionally he created a first of its kind program at the county level in Pennsylvania to assist veterans in accessing benefits prior to release from the legal system and whereas most recently the - as I was referring to earlier - whereas Dwight currently serves on various boards related to military and veterans affairs both locally and nationally and he recently served on a national initiative with the VA that helps bring the nonprofit community and the federal government together to solve issues related to veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I Allegheny County Council Member Sam DeMarco and all members of council do hereby recognize Allegheny County Chief Veterans Affairs Officer Dwight Boddorf for his dedication to the veterans of Allegheny County and I commend him for his commitment to suicide prevention and recently being awarded the veteran's service award. In witness thereof

we've attached this seal of the County of the Allegheny County this 9th day of November 2021.

MR. BODDORF: I'm not going to be long. I'm not one for speeches. I just want to say thank you to everybody and thank you to everyone who continues to help veterans in our region and please continue to do so and I'm going to shamelessly make a plug for the 102nd Veteran's Day parade this Thursday downtown starting on Liberty Avenue at 10:30. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12091-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Veterans Day 2021 and acknowledging the courage and fortitude of our veterans sponsored by Council Member DeMarco and all other members of council.

MR. DEMARCO: Folks, as you know Thursday is Veterans Day and we have our Veterans Day parade as Dwight just shared. What I wanted to do is recognize Veterans Day and invite Tom Cusick here from the Vietnam Veterans Incorporated here to receive this.

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we reflect upon the immense burden many took upon themselves whenever they decided to wear America's uniform and the families who stood alongside them. We salute those men and women for their service, and we express our professional gratitude and;

WHEREAS, more than 1.2 million Pennsylvanians are veterans comprising 14 percent of the state population and a great percentage of those veterans reside in Allegheny County and;

WHEREAS both men and women of our armed forces continue to be an inspiration to all of us as a demonstration of courage, leadership and commitment to service in our communities and country.

WHEREAS our nation and Allegheny County understand the true significance of taking care of our veterans when they return home. It is important that we are committed to ensuring that when they return home they have every opportunity to experience the American Dream that they worked their entire lives and fought and defended. And

WHEREAS our nation's veterans have set an exemplary standard that will elevate the American character for eternity. It is our duty as citizens to preserve this heroic individual's legacy and we shall never forget those who sacrificed for a safer America.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we Allegheny County Council Member Sam DeMarco and all members of council do hereby commend those brave men and women of our Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who took part in our nation's cause of peace and freedom around the world. This council asks all citizens on this Veterans Day to acknowledge the courage and fortitude of our veterans and realize the importance of keeping their legacy engraved through time. In witness thereof we have caused the seal of the county of Allegheny to be affixed this 11th day of November 2021. Tom, thank you very much. Shame on me. You know, we need to make sure we have the branches that we listed which were the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, but we now have Space Force, and you know, I neglected to mention them but I want to make sure we get a plug in for those folks as well.

MR. CUSICK: I really don't have much to say here. I fell into this position through default there, through sickness, and then COVID came so I had no training, but thanks to Dick Silkin, his wife and these guys that are taking over for next year. They know a lot more about this than I do and they learned a lot more than I do, and they're teaching me a lot, and I hope to help them out next year, but I won't be in this position. Thank you, guys.

MR. DEMARCO: Remember, parade starts at 10:30 on Thursday. Come on, Dick.

MR. SILKIN: Yeah, so we would like to see everybody out there, and as you know this is the 102nd consecutive parade. We are the oldest in the country and definitely one of the largest. We'd like to see a good turnout this year. If the weather's good, there's no reason not to come. The person that used to do this Tony Falaren did it for 30 years and now he can't. We're taking over his position and it should get bigger and better. But we want to thank him for everything that he did. I just want to thank you for the confirmation. It's everybody's - everybody working together to pull this together. We'll have the weather for it. Please show up. We look forward to seeing you and the veteran's certainly will appreciate it. So thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CATENA: At this point we'll do 12077-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the month of November as Native American Heritage month in Allegheny County to commemorate the great cultures and accomplishments of the native peoples sponsored by Council Members Prizio, Bennett, Catena, Duerr and all other members of council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And before they begin, everyone wants to be added to this as well.

MR. BARKER: I got you.

MS. PRIZIO: Before I read this proclamation, I would like to tell you a little bit about my friend Miguel. I met Miguel when I attended the Taíno Indigenous Day of Ancestor Ceremony which celebrated our sacred ancestors who guide us from the other side. It was held at the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center in Indiana Township, the site of the Annual Powwow which I encourage everyone to go if they haven't seen it.

Miguel is a member of the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center which represents indigenous people throughout the Western Pennsylvania region and beyond. He's descended from an indigenous tribe that is native to Central America. He's lived in Western Pennsylvania since 1962 and in Pittsburgh since 1977. As a teacher and artist, he's built friendships and continues to educate folks about the history and traditions of the native people of his former and adopted home.

So I'd like to read the proclamation.

WHEREAS each November we celebrate Native American Heritage Month and the countless contribution of native people past and present and honor the influence they have had on the advancement of our nation.

WHEREAS in paying tribute to Native American's achievements we must also acknowledge part of our shared history that has been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment. For centuries Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice and broken promises. As we work together to forge a greater future, we cannot shy away from the difficult aspects of our past. And this month and every month we honor the precious, strong and enduring culture and contributions of all Native Americans and recommit ourselves to fulfilling the full promise of our nation together.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I Allegheny County Council Member Anita Prizio and all of my colleagues on county council hereby recognize the month of

November as Native American Heritage Month in Allegheny County to commemorate the great cultures and accomplishments of the native people. Thank you so much for coming.

MR. SAGUE JR: Thank you very much. I'd like to first thank not only Ms. Prizio - and by the way, congratulations on being retained as council member and the rest of the council, of county council, for Allegheny County. As Ms. Prizio said, my name is Miguel. I am from one of the indigenous tribes of the Central American Caribbean area where we were the first people contacted by Europeans in 1492. I have lived in this area for a very long time, consider myself a Western Pennsylvanian, very proud resident of Allegheny County. I now live in Penn Hills, but of course as you probably already know the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center sits in Council District 3 which is Ms. Prizio's district so we are also very happy to be represented by Ms. Prizio on this body.

I want to accept this not only on behalf of the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, this proclamation, but also in behalf of the original indigenous people in this area particularly the Seneca people who are the historical people that - control of this area. Their allies the Lenape Delaware and the Shawnee. I also would like to bring back the memory of a very important Seneca friend, personal friend, Lance Grant Lasmitton, the late Grant Lasmitton who was a member of the Council of Three Rivers American Center, a very important member and a whose family still lives in the area so the Seneca were not completely driven out. There are still Seneca's in this area. They have left their legacy in the names of Chief Guyasuta, Clan Mother Aliquippa and other important historical figures and now more recently Lance and his family. His daughter who still lives here embracing her family Jessica Mitton.

So again thank you very much. Thank you, Anita.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll do 12075-21.

MR. BARKER: Certificate of recognition presented to the 2021 40 under 40 honorees sponsored by Council Members Baker and Bennett.

MR. BAKER: All right. And Council Member Bennett has asked to join me in this which is great. So all the 40 under 40 honorees come on up. We're going to go 40 under 40. I'll tell you what. There was - and come



on up and join us up here everybody. I don't know if we have all 40 of you but we got a good number of the 40 under 40. Circle around if you like.

So congratulations to our 40 under 40 honorees for this year and some of you might know, I'm sure some of my colleagues know, my wife and I have a long history with PUMP. PUMP is the reason in many ways we were retained in the city when we moved here in 2003. It was moving back for me but it was truly getting involved that kept me in Pittsburgh, kept us in the region which I'm very happy about and very grateful for. It's playing a lot in a Pittsburgh sports league which I wouldn't be able to play quite as well these days. But PUMP does so much more than just sports and PUMP teams up every year with Pittsburgh magazine to throw what I believe is the party of the year. Did you all have fun last Thursday night?

It was a good time. We were at the Rivers Casino. A couple hundred people there. It was a very nice evening and my wife and I were proud to share the evening with all of you. So we'll read the proclamation, then Council Member Bennett and I will hand you your proclamations. Not quite as cool as your 40 under 40 awards but we're happy to have you here tonight and mostly just proud for all the good that you're doing in the community.

WHEREAS each year Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP sponsor the 40 under 40 program with the goal of recognizing 40 people under the age of 40 who are committed to shaping our region and making it a better place for everyone to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS since 1998 the awards program has recognized over 700 artists, entrepreneurs, doctors, educators, non-profit executives, public figures, business leaders, behind-the-scenes contributors and more. The 40 under 40 honorees are diverse, passionate and committed difference makers dedicated to transforming our region through the professional and community contributions.

WHEREAS the 2021 honorees selected from a pool of over - 240 candidates were chosen by an independent panel of judges comprised of former winners, business professionals and civic leaders. Last Thursday November 4 at the Rivers Casino the 40 awardees were honored for their professional and community achievements.

We'll go through all 40 of you. I know some of you are here. If you're here, just if you could say I'm

here and Council Member Bennett will give you your proclamation. Taylor Abel, Felicity Williams, Leighann Bacher, Abraxis Blackwell. So we have all the proclamations, the names might be a little tricky. Syed Bukhari, Carlos Carmona, Corey Carrington, Aleya Crable Jennings, Mel Cronin, Rebekah Diaz, Angelique Drakeford. There's the other ones.

Is it Utibe Essien? Daniellie Filip, Christina Flewellen-Howze, congratulations. Boaz Frankel, Anthony Hall, Orlando Houston, Eric Howze, Chancelor Humphrey, Shenay Jeffrey, Mayor Chardae Jones, Ray Nell Jones, Michael Komo, State Rep Summer Lee, Jeremy McCool, Kacy McGil, Constance Mulbah, Haji Muya, Anette Nance, Cue Perry. Congratulations. Ernest Rajakone, Shiv Sethi, Monique Smith, Taylor Stessney, Alydia Thomas, Andre Turner, Cheyenne Tyler, Kyle Webster and Ashley Yingling Wallace. That is the 40. We congratulate each 40 under 40 honorees, and thank you for your commitment to affecting positive change in Pittsburgh and Allegheny counties. Real quickly, if you could state your name and where you live that way your council members can brag about you. Is that all right? We can just go through, and say your name, and where you live.

ABRAXIS BLACKWELL: Hi. My name's Abraxis Blackwell and I currently live in Edgewood.

MR. BAKER: Who's Edgewood? Oh, that's Zavarella.

CHANCELOR HUMPREHY: Chancelor Humphrey, I currently live in Bellevue.

CUE PERRY: Cue Perry, I'm from Manchester North Side of Pittsburgh.

COREY CARRINGTON: Hi. My name's Corey Carrington. I'm from Marshall Shadeland. I live in Brighton Heights.

CHRISTINA FLEWELLEN-HOWZE: Hi. I' Christina Flewellen-Howze and we just bought a house in North Versailles.

MR. BAKER: That's Macey.

ERIC HOWZE: Eric Howze. I'm from the Hill District, and we now reside in North Versailles.

MR. WALTON: But you played with my son.

ANETTE NANCE: Anette Nance. I live in Braddock Hills.

DANIELLE FILIP: Hi. I'm Danielle Filip. I reside in West Deer.

MONIQUE SMITH: I'm Monique Smith, and I currently reside in Penn Hills.

FELICITY WILLIAMS: Hi. My name's Felicity Williams and I currently reside in Munhall.

MICHAEL KOMO: Good evening. My name is Michael Komo, and I reside here in downtown.

MR. BAKER: All right. Obviously Liv and Zavarella are the winners here. Congratulations to all of you. With all the sincerity in my heart please keep up all the good things that you're doing. And Council Member Bennett is doing a great job, and Ken Varhola our chief of staff are getting all your proclamations out. We will do your photo, and again, congratulations on a wonderful celebration last Thursday night. Keep up the good work and thank you for making Allegheny County an even better place to live, work and serve.

PRESIDENT CATENA: We'll now do 12076-21.

MR. BARKER: Certificate of recognition presented to the 2021 Service Summit Honorees sponsored by Council Member Baker.

MR. BAKER: If all the Service Summit Honorees could come up, please. So we have a little bit of a smaller crowd but we are going to gather again this week. This week is the 12th annual Pittsburgh Service Summit. My colleagues know this as well too. Twelve (12) years ago we started the organization Get Involved which was all about empowering, educating and inspiring young professionals to get involved, make a difference and serve the community. That's - our mantra is, don't be bored be on a board of directors. That's what our organization get involved is all about. We're very glad to have these four folks here with us tonight that will all be honored later this week at the Coro Center for Civic Leadership. Phyllis Comer who I bet you everyone on this county council has probably voted for Phyllis several times for boards, commissions as she's served in so many different ways has done more in retirement than most people could dream of doing in a lifetime. It's really been incredible to be her friend and get to serve alongside her in a couple of those roles but we got four great honorees here with us tonight. Again, the event will be Thursday and we congratulate you. For this part if you want to share your name, where you live and then also since it's about getting involved in the community feel free to share, and Phyllis, please join us. The Get Involved woman of the

year. It's her and Charlie Batch. They're the two winners for woman and man of the year, so good company. So let's give it up for Phyllis Comer.

MS. COMER: Thank you. It's an honor to be here receive this proclamation. I've been in education for over 50 years in various capacities as an elementary teacher, a teacher of gifted and talented students. And then I went into administration as a curriculum supervisor, and when I retired in 2008 that's when my second career started as far as getting involved here on different boards here in the Greater Pittsburgh area. And also Governor Rendell appointed me to the Professional Standards and Practices commission and I represent the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the adjudicatory side on the Department of Education.

MR. BAKER: That's Phyllis Comer. Congratulations, Phyllis. We have three of our rising stars, Jared Latshaw. Oh, and Phyllis, did you say where you live? What neighborhood?

MS. COMER: I reside in Pensbury Village.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That's mine.

MR. BAKER: President Catena. All right. Jared?

MR. LATSHAW: Thank you. My name is Jared Latshaw. I reside in North Side Manchester neighborhood. I'm involved with Big Brother Big Sisters. I'm the baby in my family, and I always wanted a little brother so when the opportunity arose I took advantage of it. I just hope I'm making a positive impact in his life and I also hope that people see me and want to do positive things in their community as well.

MR. BAKER: And if that was too much for you with the big brothers and sisters mention get ready for the next person Carolyn Croll.

MS. CROLL: Hi. Thank you for having me tonight. My name is Carolyn Croll. I reside in downtown Pittsburgh. I am actually from the North Hills though, so I am involved in North Hills Community Outreach. I serve on the Young Community Leaders Board and I am also a big sister with Big Brothers Big Sisters so I have been a big sister for about four years now and it has been an awesome experience. I've actually known Tom through Big Brothers Big Sisters and now NHCO so once again thank you for having me.

MR. BAKER: Then he doesn't get his fancy name on here but the youngest member in the history of our governing body Councilman Tom Duerr is also one of the honorees. So congratulations, Councilman Duerr, so congratulations. It's going to be a beautiful evening together. We'll have about 75, 85 people there for the event and we're looking forward to it. So congrats to our honorees and we'll do a group photo and get you on with your evenings.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll now have 12078-21.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Peter F. Ramage for his years of dedication to Etna Borough and we thank him for his service to the community with his time spent on the borough council sponsored by Council Member Prizio.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12079-21 is going to be held, so 12080-21

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Mr. Herbert Hartle upon his distinguished career as a supervisor with Ohio Township sponsored by Council Member Kirk.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Is there any public comment on agenda items?

MR. VARHOLA: None.

PRESIDENT CATENA: None? Approval of minutes. Anything?

MR. BARKER: Also none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. All the appointments being presented tonight will be referred to the committee on appointment review. 12081-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Kevin Kinross to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2026 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12082-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Mary Ann Eisenreich to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12083-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of William T. Cagney to the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Trustees for a term to expire on December 31, 2027 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12084-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Sala Udin to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2026 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12085-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the re-appointment of Derek Uber to the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2025 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12086-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Joseph Angelelli to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12087-21.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Amrita Chhetri to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2025 sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business.  
Committee on public safety for the second reading.  
11816-21.

MR. BARKER: Motion of the Council of Allegheny County expressing the sense of Council urging the general assembly to consider and approve Pennsylvania HB 625 with all deliberate speed in order to allow for the placement of discreet information upon Commonwealth-issued driver's licenses and identification cards in order to aid first responders in more effectively assisting individuals with disabilities sponsored by Council Member Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Councilwoman Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Thank you, President Catena. The committee on public safety met last Thursday, November 4, and in our committee meeting this motion was affirmatively recommended up to council for a full vote and so I make a motion for that vote.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, does anyone feel we need a roll call vote?

MR. WALTON: No.

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

(Chorus of ayes).

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Liaison reports? Anyone. Seeing no one new business ordinances and resolutions 12088-21.

MR. BARKER: An ordinance authorizing the department of public works to take certain actions on behalf of county council with respect to the issuance of highway occupancy permits, the grant of certain licenses, rights of entry and easements and the amicable acquisition of certain real estate affecting county public work projects and other matters for calendar years 2022 and 2023 sponsored by the chief executive

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to public works. 12089-21.

MR. BARKER: A resolution approving a project for the benefit of Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation to be financed by the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority by the issuance of the authority's taxable and/or tax-exempt revenue bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$81,500,000 provided that the taxing power of the County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania shall not be obligated in any way with respect to the bonds and declaring the financing of such project as desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the county sponsored by the chief executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to economic development and housing. Is there any new business?

MR. BARKER: No.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts 12092-21.

MR. BARKER: A communication summarizing approved executive actions for the month of October 2021.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to receive and file?

MR. MACEY: Receive and file.

MS. BENNETT: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. (Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Any public comment on general items?

MR. VARHOLA: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, with your approval I have five that are almost word for word identical. I can read the names and addresses and just one of the content if that's.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone object?

MS. HALLAM: I object. I want them read.

MR. VARHOLA: Elise Silvestri Pittsburgh, 15206. My name is Elise, and I live in Highland Park, Pittsburgh. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 11804-21 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This is common sense legislation which should already have been the law of the land for decades. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. It's simply unacceptable to hear that fracking is still around especially in public parks with an impending climate crisis that threatens to drastically change our future for the worse. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented, and fracking does not even create lasting jobs or economic benefits. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population according to a nonpartisan think tank. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please move bill number 11804-21 out of committee and pass it into law immediately.

I apologize if I mispronounce this name.

Mahitha Ramachandran, Pittsburgh, 15238, Fox Chapel. My name is Mahitha and I live in Fox Chapel. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for Bill number 11804 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This is common sense legislation which should already have been the law of the land for decades. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented, and fracking does not even create lasting jobs or economic benefits. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population according to a nonpartisan think tank. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please move bill 11804-21 out of committee and pass it into law immediately.



Danielle McGuire, City of Pittsburgh, 15201. I'm a resident of Lawrenceville and am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill 11804-21 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. Frankly the fact this legislation is even necessary today is horrifying to me. Our parks exist for public recreation and enjoyment. Our parks do not exist to create profits for out-of-state petrochemical companies. The impacts of fracking on public health are well-documented, and fracking does not even create lasting jobs or economic benefits. When fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population according to a nonpartisan think tank. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. There is no excuse for it to be allowed in our parks. Please move bill number 11804 out of committee and pass it into law immediately.

John Blau, City of Pittsburgh, 15213. I live in Shadyside. I'm 23 years old and moved to the region about two years ago now. When I first visited Pittsburgh, I was excited to learn more about my new home, didn't even get a foot out of my car door before smelling rotten eggs in the air. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill 11804 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands.

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Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks and banning it would tell me a hopeful story about our county to my family and friends. Please move 11804 out of committee and pass into law immediately.

Taiji Nelson, Pittsburgh, 15206. I live in Pittsburgh, and am contacting you to voice my strong

support for bill number 11804 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This is an important step in sending a message to fossil fuel billionaires that our land, water, air and health are not for sale. Allegheny County deserves jobs working to solve the climate crisis and not ones that poison us.

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Alyssa Cleve, Pittsburgh, 15227 Whitehall. One of the reasons we bought a home in Whitehall Borough is its short commute and proximity to green spaces like South Park. We celebrated many milestones in Allegheny County parks with our babies and are appalled to learn fracking was allowed to move into Deer lakes in 2014. That's the same year we bought our first home and became pregnant with our first child.

I must stay vigilant for my children's still developing bodies let alone their futures. Having transferred from the Pacific Northwest we have a deep appreciation for untainted wilderness, clean water and clean air. Today I am writing to ask my Council Member and Chair of the parks committee to bring up for vote the bill Bethany Hallam, Olivia Bennett and Anita Prizio introduced. I hope I can count on District 6 to support the protection of Allegheny County's parks from any new fracking development. Thank you for your attention.

Gaye Fifer, Swissvale, 15218. I have lived in Swissvale for the past 11 years. Especially during the pandemic I have realized the importance of outdoor parks to my health and well-being. Taking advantage of the resources available in our county parks has benefitted me both physically and mentally.

I've walked miles every day in parks and very much appreciate the peace and calm of undisturbed nature. Failing to protect our parks from fracking will mean a continued threat to public health and the beautiful scenic lands we love. Fortunately Councilmembers Bethany Hallam, Olivia Bennett and Anita Prizio have introduced a bill that would protect Allegheny County's parks from new fracking development. I'm asking the Chair of the parks committee to bring this bill up for vote and I hope my council member will sign on in support. Thank you for your time.

Edward Wrenn, City of Pittsburgh, 15208, support of fracking ban under Allegheny County parks.

Joanne Borgesi, Pittsburgh, 15220, Greentree. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on fracking within our parks and anywhere within Pittsburgh and surrounding areas that we determine as public areas for all people. I am respectfully asking Allegheny County Council to move the issue of fracking currently up for introduction along as soon as possible. As we know global warming and climate change are one of the most urgent current topics on the minds of our new administration on the national level.

While our federal system struggles to complete a workable budget, I am hoping that perhaps Allegheny county can show the rest how the best can work together to make positive changes. My comment is that we encourage all parties involved with or voting on climate change, fracking and environmental issues to move bills and other regulations along as quickly as they can in order to expedite a solid recommendation on the importance of these issues within Allegheny County. I am respectfully asking that Allegheny County Council express the need for urgency in creating legislation especially where the public use is involved. Please support urgency on necessary committees expediting the creation of a bill and its implementation ASAP to take up this urgent matter.

April Clisura, Pittsburgh, 15207. I understand that a bill has been introduced to protect county parks from new fracking. This bill should be brought up for a committee vote and I urge the parks committee Chair to support work on the bill. As a county parks lover it is unfathomable to me that activities for private commercial gain that also pollute and might do permanent damage to the parks would be considered at all. County park lands

have been aside for the enjoyment of generations of the public.

There should be no activity that includes industrial noise, diesel, dust including silica, heavy salts, radioactive material or benzene and that might contaminate local groundwater. The pressure of a powerful industry can't convince me that fracking in our public parks is a good deal for county taxpayers and residents, and it should not convince county council members either. Look at data on fracking researched by the University of Pittsburgh. I thank the council members who have introduced the bill that would keep fracking out of our parks.

Cynthia Kirsch, Pittsburgh, 15221 Edgewood. I am contacting you to voice my strong support for bill number 11804 which would ban fracking and other industrial activities on our public lands. This is legislation which should already have been the law of the land for decades. Our parks should not be used for financial gain. They are for the people to be used for recreation and to enjoy and appreciate nature. Fracking has negative effects on health. This is well documented. Fracking does not even create lasting jobs or economic benefits. Indeed when fracking moved into 22 counties across Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, their residents experienced a decline in jobs, average personal income and overall population according to a nonpartisan think tank. Fracking is toxic for air quality, water quality and our economy. It shouldn't be allowed in our parks. Please move number 11804 out of committee and pass it into law immediately.

Amanda Waxman, City of Pittsburgh, 15206. I'm writing to ask the county council to move bill number 111804 out of committee and pass it into law immediately. Fracking is dangerous to public health and plunges us further into the climate crisis. It should not be allowed in our county parks.

Annie Ryan. Just identified the bill number.

And then the last few that members have seen was from Laura Fuller, Pittsburgh, PA, 15207. She had talked about health issue and we're working with the Department of Human Services to address these needs.

That's it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. PRIZIO: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. (Chorus of ayes.)

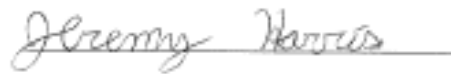
PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Good night.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:49 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 24 day of January, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremy Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Harris,

Court Reporter