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Message From the Councilman

Greetings from District 6:

The goal of this newsletter is to inform residents of upcoming events hosted by our office this fall. It includes an update on the council district reapportionment plan, covers the State Voter ID law to inform and prepare Pittsburghers to vote, and reviews some of the legislation that has been passed in Council this year.

Please take a moment of your time and review the information contained in this newsletter. I hope you find it informative. However, should you have additional concerns, questions or thoughts please feel free to contact me by phone at 412-255-2134 or by email at daniel.lavelle@pittsburghpa.gov. You can also reach us via our newly restructured website at www.pittsburghpa.gov/district6/.

New Voter ID Law

The Pennsylvania State Legislature enacted a law earlier this year that requires every Pennsylvania voter to provide specific photo identification prior to casting a ballot at the polls on election day. Beginning with elections that occur after September 17 of this year, all voters must provide a current photo ID at each election in order to vote.

I am not supportive of this measure, which raises serious issues about voter equity. However, since it has passed, it is vital for citizens to inform themselves and others about the new requirements. In order to inform residents on the new requirements, the Councilman scheduled a series of site visits to senior high-rises located in District 6 through September and early October.

Starting September 17, acceptable forms of ID must:

- Have an expiration date
- Have a photo
- Have a name that conforms to the voting register at your polling place

ID's must be issued by either one of the following entities:

- Federal government
- Pennsylvania government
- Pennsylvania municipality to an employee of that municipality
- Accredited Pennsylvania public or private institution of higher learning
- Pennsylvania long-term nursing home, assisted living residence or personal care home.

It is important that residents review the materials needed and ensure they have the proper documentation to vote in the upcoming elections.

To assist citizens in this process, the ACLU has prepared a survey that helps determine whether an individual has the proper ID for voting. **You can contact our office at 412-255-2134 to request a copy, or the ACLU at 1-866-687-8683. You can also see the survey online at www.aclupa.org/downloads/PAintakesurveyv1.pdf.**

what ARE IDs acceptable **Voter ID** **what you need to KNOW**

All photo IDs must contain an **expiration date** that is **current**, unless noted otherwise

- ✓ Photo IDs issued by the U.S. Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- ✓ Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID (IDs are valid for voting purposes 12 months past expiration date)
- ✓ Valid U.S. passport
- ✓ U.S. military ID - active duty and retired military (a military or veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain an expiration date
- ✓ Employee photo ID issued by Federal, PA, PA County or PA Municipal government
- ✓ Photo ID from an accredited Pennsylvania public or private college, university, or seminary
- ✓ Photo ID issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long-term care facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes

If you are a registered voter and do not have one of these IDs, and require one for voting purposes, you are entitled to get one **FREE OF CHARGE** at a PennDOT Driver License Center (DLC).

If you plan on voting by absentee ballot for the November 2012 election, you will need to provide proof of identification.

To find the DLC nearest you, what identification and residency documentation you will need to get a photo ID, how to vote if you have a religious objection to having your photograph taken, what identification you need to vote by absentee ballot, or for general information, visit www.VotesPA.com or call 1-877-VotesPA (868-3772).

NO ONE legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. If you do not have a photo ID or are indigent and unable to obtain one without payment of a fee, you may cast a provisional ballot, and will have six days to provide your photo ID and/or an affirmation to your county elections office to have your ballot count.

City Council Redistricting

Every ten years the United States Census Bureau conducts the constitutionally mandated US Census to measure current population trends and changes. Results are used throughout the country by government bodies that are not elected at large to redraw district lines. The ultimate goal is to ensure the principle of one-person-one-vote, with each district nearly equal in population as practically possible.

Given that the nine Pittsburgh City Council seats are elected by district, and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Constitution, the City is required to realign its district lines after each decennial census.

City Council established a Reapportionment Committee to aid in the redistricting process. The Committee is responsible for providing a preliminary map to Council for review. Each Councilmember elects one representative to serve on the Committee.

The recommended district map must meet the following criteria:

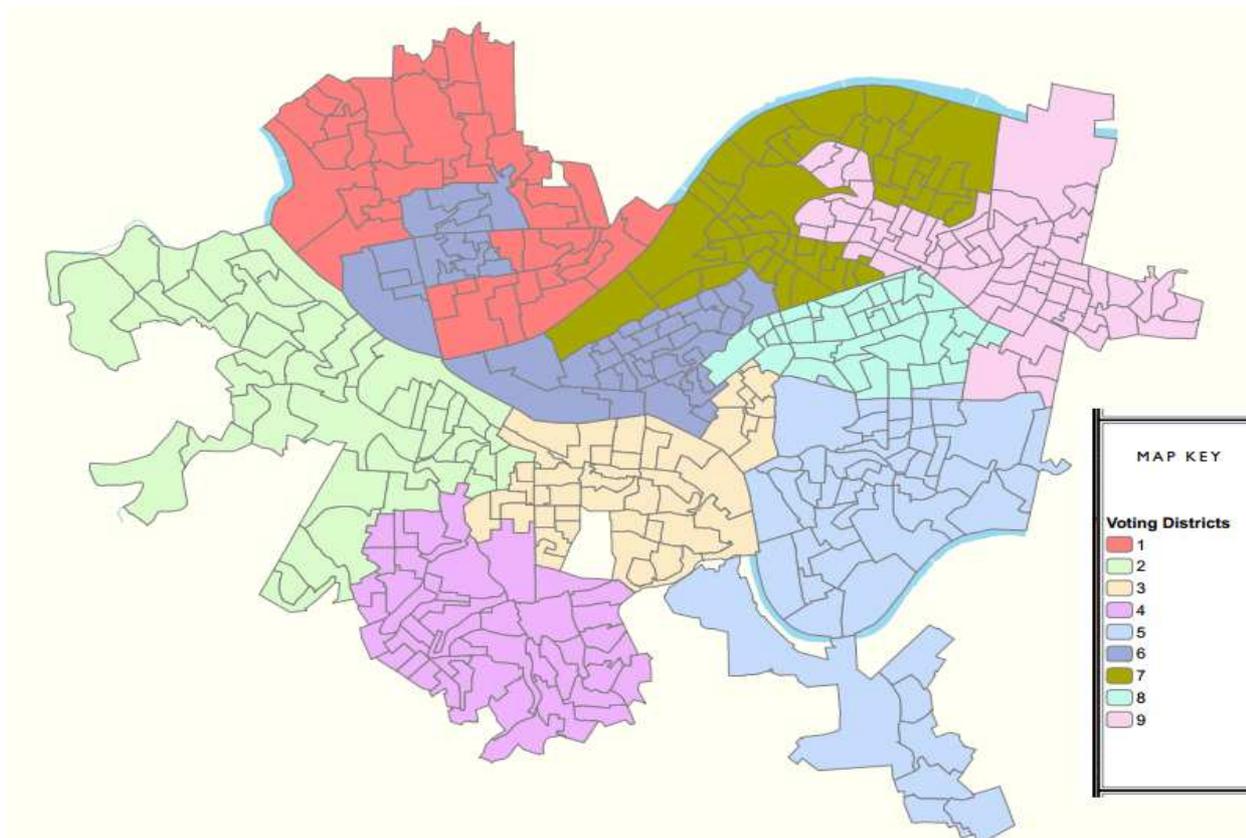
- Each Council District must contain roughly the same number of residents.
- Districts must be contiguous. A person must be able to walk from any site in the district to another site within the district without leaving district boundaries.
- Districts should be compact. A district must be as solid and as uniform in shape as possible.

The Reapportionment Committee met on a monthly basis to draft a map that met the legal criteria and which sought to maintain neighborhood boundaries to the greatest extent possible. An initial draft was completed in mid-summer, after which a series of 4 public meetings were held in July to present the map to the public for feedback.

A final draft of the map that incorporated some of the suggestions received at the public meetings has been presented to City Council for review. It is subject to further changes by Council members, but at the time of this writing, the version of the map presented by the Committee sees the following changes in District 6:

- Precincts lost: 2-2 (Strip District); 4-2, 4-5 and 4-16 (Oakland); 22-1, 22-2 and 22-3 (Allegheny West and part of Central Northside)
- Precincts gained: 4-6 (Oakland); 5-9 (Upper Hill / North Oakland); 26-1 and 26-4 (Perry South)

Council will be deliberating on this matter in the coming month. Please feel free to both call or email me, as well as other members, to express your opinion on the matter. *Email:* daniel.lavelle@pittsburghpa.gov, *ph:* 412-255-2134



Pittsburgh's first "JobStart" Employment & Resource Fair

As you may be aware, the unemployment rate for the City of Pittsburgh continues to hover around 7%. What's worse, when looking at the minority population, the figure more than doubles, and is even greater among ex-offenders.

In our positions as elected officials and avid champions of quality of life issues, social advancement and believers that all should have access to good family sustaining jobs, Representative Wheatley and I have partnered to sponsor our first 'JobStart' Employment & Resource Fair.

The event will feature a full service, City-wide resource and employment fair for the underemployed, the unemployed and for

formerly incarcerated individuals. It will take place on:

**Saturday, October 6, 2012.
12:00 pm – 6:00**

Point Park University, Student Activities Center, 5th Floor, 330 Blvd of the Allies, Downtown Pittsburgh



The Pittsburgh 'JobStart' Fair is a collaborative partnership that includes Urban Innovation21, North Shore Community Alliance, NAACP, Allegheny Jail Collaborative, Black Political Empowerment Project, National Council for Urban Justice and Peace, and the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Social and Urban Research. This fair will draw employers and social service providers from all neighborhoods throughout Allegheny County.

All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

2nd Annual 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament

An example of District 6's advocacy for a healthy constituency is the 'Fit in Six' Health & Wellness initiative launched in 2011. Events organized beneath the banner of 'Fit in Six' support initiatives that promote healthy lifestyles in the youth and adults that make up District 6.

Our office has successfully created and supported annual events such as the first 'Fit & Six' Health & Wellness Fair at Market Square, State Representative Wheatley & Councilman Lavelle's H.E.A.L. (Health Expo for African American Living), and the

first winter 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament.

It is in that spirit that we are excited to announce the 2nd Annual 'Winter 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament' scheduled for:

Saturday, December 15, 2012

10:00 am – 5:00 pm

@ Thelma-Lovette YMCA

2114 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.



The tournament is open to all 10-20 year olds in the City of Pittsburgh. To register, please contact Harry Johnson at 412-255-2134 or pghdistrict6@gmail.com.

Councilman Lavelle & Representative Wheatley Co-Host H.E.A.L. Health Fair

Elected officials have the duty to recognize the work that must be done to address negative health factors affecting our communities. Of particular concern are health issues that disproportionately affect African American communities. It only takes a quick review of rates for obesity, diabetes, heart disease and hypertension before it is clear there is a disparity in the rate these ailments are found in our African American neighborhoods.

Sunday, October 14, 2012

12:00-4:00pm

YOGA, ZUMBA, WATER AEROBICS, LINE DANCING!
Healthy Cooking Demonstrations!

H.E.A.L.
Health Expo for African American Living
WHEN: Sunday, October 14, 2012
12:00-4:00 pm
WHERE: Thelma Lovette YMCA
2114 Centre Avenue

Children's Activities
Preventative Health Screenings
Fitness Competition for Youth and Adults
Free Prizes and Giveaways

ALL ARE WELCOME!
For more information please contact
Kyle Stewart in Rep. Wheatley's Office (412-471-7760)

Join us Rain or Shine!
Fitness Attire Recommended

Sponsored by: UPMC, RSR, FICHAARC, the, PENSILVANIA

We are planning a day of preventative screenings, fitness classes, healthy cooking demonstrations, stress management, and fun physical competitions for children and adults of all ages. We are committed to taking the necessary steps needed to assess the health needs of our constituency and make the changes that will help residents to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Thelma Lovette YMCA

2114 Centre Avenue



2012 Legislative Summary

2012-0137, passed 3/13, Sponsored by Councilman Lavelle: Ordinance amending the Pittsburgh Code to prohibit peddling and vending within certain public rights of way without the consent of the property owner and to adjust the area delineated in Map 3 to include the Consol Energy Center.

2012-0235, passed 3/27, Sponsored by Councilpersons Lavelle Smith and Burgess: Will of Council calling upon Florida State Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Attorney General to re-open the investigation into the shooting of Trayvon Martin, and the Florida State Legislature to amend or repeal the Florida Statute 776.012 Justifiable Use of Force, also known as the "Stand your ground" law.

2012-0014, passed 4/17, Sponsored by Councilman Lavelle: Ordinance amending and supplementing the Pittsburgh Code by requiring financial institutions seeking to become City depositories to make a commitment to community reinvestment and responsible banking and instructing the City Controller to evaluate banks with which the City does business as to their success or failure in meeting this commitment.

2012-0295, passed 5/1, Presented by Councilman Lavelle: Resolution providing for the designation of certain public properties within the Hill District and Polish Hill neighborhoods to become permanent, public, passive open space under the Greenways for Pittsburgh program, to be known as the Bigelow Greenway.

2012-0244, passed 5/8, Sponsored by Councilman Lavelle; Cosponsored by Burgess, Harris, Dowd and Smith: Resolution authorizing a Cooperative Agreement or Agreements with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County providing for the assignment of parking tax revenues from new interim parking on the footprint of the Civic Arena for the purpose of Hill District Redevelopment.

2012-0702, passed 9/4, Presented by Councilman Lavelle: Resolution authorizing the Mayor or the Director of City Planning, to enter into a Grant Agreement with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) as a participant in the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge. IBM will provide \$350,000.00 in consulting services at their own expense. The services are in support of IBM staff who will help the City of Pittsburgh identify ways to improve or enhance transportation solutions.

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