

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

John P. DeFazio	-	President, Council-At-Large
Nicholas Futules	-	Vice President, District 7
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-At-Large
Thomas Baker	-	District 1
Cindy Kirk	-	District 2
Edward Kress	-	District 3
Patrick Catena	-	District 4
Sue Means	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Dr. Charles J. Martoni	-	District 8
Robert J. Macey	-	District 9
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
James Ellenbogen	-	District 12
Denise Ranalli-Russell	-	District 13

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director of Legislative Services

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Meeting will come to order.
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: Thank you. 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. Ellenbogen?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Kirk?

MS. KIRK: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

(No response.)

MR. BARKER: Mr. Kress?

MR. KRESS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Martoni?

DR. MARTONI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Means?

MS. MEANS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Ranalli-Russell?

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President DeFazio?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 14 members present.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Proclamations certificates.

10208-17.

MR. BARKER: Actually, both are to be read into
the record.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: 10208-17. Proclamation recognizing
Sister Rene Procopio for her many years of dedication and

service to the Mooncrest Community in Moon Township.
Sponsored by Council Members Baker and DeMarco.

10209-17. A proclamation congratulating the
Mattress Factory Museum upon the occasion of its 40th
anniversary. Sponsored by Council Member Ranalli-Russell
and Means.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Do you want to read
off the names for the agenda?

MR. BARKER: The first speaker is Maria
Napolitano.

MS. NAPOLITANO: Hello, my name is Maria
Napolitano, and I'm a resident of Leetsdale in Allegheny
County.

I wanted to express my concern regarding the
proposed legislation for universal blood lead testing.
Lead is a problem of old building and antiquated plumbing
infrastructure. However, the proposed mandate places the
burden of compliance and the burden of responsibility on
to private individuals.

And I used to live in a state that had just
passed the mandates for blood lead testing for children
where my children went to school. So what happened was we
all ended up having to pay for the test --- for the test
out of pocket. Because then if you're insured, it still
isn't --- deductible. You still have to pay for it.

And then there was always this gray area where
it wasn't certain what it would mean if you failed the
test. Does it mean that it's going to be a certain kind
of treatment that will be required? Does it --- how much
is it going to cost? How long is it going to last? And
since it's mandatorily reported, it has a potential to
trigger CPS report at any point.

So all this was not clear. And I was never able
to get a clear answer on those things from my doctor or my
school officials or elected representatives, and I'm
concerned about the same thing for this proposed
legislation.

The other thing that this law --- this
regulation does is that it places another unfunded mandate
on the public schools that are already overloaded with a
lot of things that they do not pay to do. And so the
schools are going to have to collect data on children,
regardless of the risk, three years past the age of most
vulnerable exposure --- of one or two --- one or two
years, when the testing is supposed to be done.

So what I wish, I wish that this mandate rather went for --- for the entities directly responsible for contamination, such as owners of properties that have lead contamination because we already know that many children who are at risk for lead exposure live in old properties and rental properties. So how about if we were, instead, to go up against --- to go after the rental property owners and require them to test the lead and do a lead abatement, give incentive for lead abatement.

Sorry. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: No, you can keep ---.

MS. NAPOLITANO: Oh, okay. Okay, sounds good. And then --- and the other thing is I wish we would take an opportunity to go after the --- another big source of lead contamination, which is the water quality. Because most children spend --- many preschool children and all school-aged children spend most of their time in the school buildings and most of those buildings, daycare centers and school buildings are old, antiquated and have poor plumbing infrastructure.

So Ohio, a neighboring state, just passed a pioneer legislation when they mandated that the schools test their water quality for lead, and they give \$12 million for them to fix the plumbing issue. Sometimes, it's just as easy as simply fixing the little fixture, the --- for in a drinking fountain, and that would take care of the problem.

So that would be my suggestion, that if you please consider alternative, to recommend the testing for people, but mandate the testing for the infrastructure and help find funds to make it possible.

Thank you very much for your service. Okay.
Cool.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next is Kristi Wees.

MS. WEES: Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you tonight.

My name is Kristi Wees. I'm a resident of Allegheny County. I'm a patient advocate for families with special needs children with Empowered Medical Advocacy, and I'm a researcher with a Master's degree in chemistry. But most importantly, I'm a concerned mother.

I'm here to voice my concerns about the lead mandate Bill 1012 --- 212-17 (sic) and offer prevention

focused solutions that I urge you to consider before mandating medical testing.

I am not against testing any children for lead, but it is not the solution to protecting the children of Allegheny County from neurological harm. According to the 2016 AAP, American Academy of Pediatrics, policy statement on childhood lead toxicity, it states primary prevention should be the focus of policy on childhood lead toxicity. This statement also cautions the primary prevention approach contrasts with practices and policies that too often have relied on --- predominantly, on the detection of lead exposure, only after children develop elevated blood level concentrations.

My concern today is that much more emphasis is being placed on the numbers of children who have blood lead tests at one and two years of age, versus the prevention of the lead toxicity those tests are designed to measure. As a chemist, I know it's important --- I know it's impossible to know, based on a blood lead test, what the source of that lead is. Extensive testing on one's environment, including water, dust, soil, even toys, must be carried out individually, and not epidemiologically, to get to the root cause of each individual's lead burden.

Reducing lead's exposure in these environments is, according to the AAP, as an effective way to prevent or control lead toxicity in children. As a patient and a parent advocate, I am concerned about the attempt to mandate a medical procedure by a county agency for a medical procedure that should be the private medical decision and discussion between a doctor and a family, ultimately, a choice made by a parent for their child. Every medical procedure, no matter how minor, must --- must include informed consent and parental decision.

While blood level testing can be useful in identifying if lead is a contributing factor to a child's challenges, the testing is --- is only part of the answer.

I want to also mention the water testing. The AAP policy states that water is an important but overlooked exposure for children, especially infants who are formula fed, and their formula is mixed with water containing lead. And despite this published research, I've heard little from the Department of Health on the possibility.

One local organization, Women for a Healthy Environment, recently announced a campaign and grant money, \$400,000, for Allegheny County to help local schools test for lead and fix and --- and remediate, if necessary. And it's --- it's not going to do any good if we --- if we test these kids at one and two, and then they walk into a school building that has lead fixtures and then are re-exposed.

I will leave you with my final thoughts. Prevention, not just detection, will protect children of Allegheny County from neurotoxic harms of lead.

Thank you for your consideration in reconsidering this mandate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next is Jennifer Magill.

MS. MAGILL: Section 1 of the proposed regulation states, in part, that the purpose of the regulation is the detection and treatment of lead poisoning in county children. Universal lead level testing will facilitate early detection and referral for treatment.

According to the CDC, no safe blood lead level in children has been identified, and the most important step to protect children is to prevent lead exposure before it occurs. For those children who have already been exposed to lead and have elevated blood lead levels, the first step to treatment should be to remediate or remove the source of lead contamination.

For children whose blood lead level is relatively low, removing the source of the lead contamination may be enough for their blood lead levels to fall over time. Lead toxicity in the blood takes weeks, months or even years to lower, and for some children with very high levels, the effects of lead poisoning may last a lifetime, affecting school performance and long-term healthy brain function.

My concern with the current proposed regulation is that, one, the Board of Health does not currently offer remediation services to county residents unless their blood lead levels are ten or higher, even though it is well known that levels of five and above are problematic and result in higher incidence of learning disabilities. And two, the Board does not lay out what treatment options are available for children with elevated blood lead levels.

Remediation and removing of the lead contamination should be the number one priority of the Board. The Board is well aware of the areas in the county with the highest concentration of pre-1970 housing at elevated risk of lead exposure due to old or chipping lead paint. Starting with those areas, the Board should offer free testing to all residents who fit the testing criteria, conduct a public awareness campaign of the signs and symptoms of lead toxicity and provide residents with detailed information on how to remove or remediate the contamination including financial assistance, if necessary.

For children whose blood lead levels are 45 or higher, chelation therapy is the recommended course of treatment. What about those children with an elevated level between 5 and 45, who are at risk for increased learning disabilities, brain damage, permanent damage to the central nervous system, anemia, hearing problems, kidney disease, seizures, coma, delayed development and/or behavioral changes? What treatment options are available for those children?

The Board proposes to refer these children for treatment without any guidance on what those treatment options would be. The Board should provide --- provide residents whose children have an elevated blood lead level with a list of providers whom the Board has determined are trained in treatment for lead toxicity, along with information on what treatment options are available. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Last up is Amy Rafferty.

MS. RAFFERTY: Hello, my name is Amy Rafferty. I'm a resident of Allegheny County and a member of the Pennsylvania Coalition for Informed Consent.

Lead is a serious neurotoxin. I am a proponent of testing for heavy metals like lead, aluminum and mercury. However, I am opposed to mandating this testing.

Parents should be making testing decisions for their children, with their pediatrician on an individual basis, based on risk factors, housing situations, et cetera. The government does not own our children. Parents are the first line of defense for our children.

This is an example --- this mandate is an example of agency overreach. The Board of Health is an unelected group of officials. There are very few, if any,

County Boards of Health in the USA that have attempted even one mandate for their residents. This Board of Health has attempted two mandates in the past year.

Last year, they attempted to mandate the HPV vaccine. This vaccine has the very high dose of 225 micrograms of another neurotoxin in it, aluminum. That's almost ten times the FDA limit for aluminum in injectable solutions. However, last year, there was no concern for neurotoxins when we discussed the HPV vaccine mandate. This year, we're concerned about another neurotoxin, lead.

I'm a little confused. We either care about neurotoxins or we don't. I certainly do care about neurotoxins. It's the mandate that I'm concerned about.

Some of you may think that because the lead testing mandate would allow for religious exemption, personal belief exemption and medical exemption, that this would allow for parental choice. But what you may not understand is that the majority of parents do not know that the state even has exemptions. Pediatricians almost never tell parents about exemptions because they want compliance with vaccines.

School districts almost never tell parents about exemptions. We have had some school districts saying so, but not many. I've included a list of some screenshots and --- and copies of letters that school districts have sent in the area our members have submitted so that you can take a look at what kind of language is being told to parents. They're hearing things like, you must have all vaccines by the fifth day of school or risk exclusion. You may not be admitted to school on the first day of school if all immunizations are not complete, completely omitting the parental exemptions that exist for immunization.

I fear that the same thing would happen for lead testing. Parents would not be made aware that there are exemptions to lead testing. I have my daughter with me today. And in her school, she has had several teachers over the years confront her about the fact --- not her, but her class --- about the fact that you cannot attend school without vaccinations. It's against the law. She knows better, that there are parental exemptions. They didn't believe her and they teach in the school system, so this is what we're dealing with.

Okay? Parents would not --- parents would not know that they had a ---.

Can I just say one more thing?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, try to make it ---.

MS. RAFFERTY: Okay. Parents would not know that they had a choice.

Please keep medical testing decisions for children where they belong, in the hands of parents. The proposed mandate is an unfunded mandate. The cost would fall on the families and the County. We would have to pay deductibles, co-pays and possibly the entire testing, depending on insurance situations. Please consider these factors. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you.

Okay. 10212-17.

MR. BARKER: That's a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9th, 2017 regular meeting of Council.

MR. MACEY: So moved.

DR. MARTONI: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks?

Jared, do you have ---?

MR. BARKER: There actually is a slight error on the cover page. It indicates that Mr. Szymanski was in attendance. He obviously was not because he's now with the Retirement Board. I would ask that we make that correction or request that the stenographers make that correction, but that's the only thing.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah, I would say make the correction and ---.

MR. CATENA: So the motion ---.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Anybody else have any remarks on that?

MR. CATENA: Motion to approve if amended.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Does someone want to second?

MR. DEMARCO: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

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

(Chorus of ayes.)

Opposed? The ayes have it. 10210-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Jean Holland V. Dick to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to Appointment Review Committee. 10211-17.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Oliver Byrd to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31st, 2020. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go to the Appointment Review Committee.

Liaison Reports --- we'll go down this way, start with Nick Futules --- representative ---.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. Thank you. I wanted to comment today about this morning, event at Deer Lakes Park. Along with the administration and Councilman Kress, we cut the ribbon for the new spray park at Deer Lakes. And there were several hundred people showed up for that event, and it was really enlightening to see so many people come out for that.

And this is a result --- or this particular project was one of the results from the Marcellus Shale. The lake was fixed, the Wagman Observatory, the pavilions, and now the playground in its first phase. They're about to, this fall, put in new bathrooms that will be the first of its kind in the United States. Also, they're going to put a new dressing room in.

And the people out there are very delighted. They're happy to see that the County has kept their word, specifically, Rich Fitzgerald and his administration saying that the money that Marcellus Shale brought came back to the parks. Now, other parks did receive some money, as we know, but the Deer Lakes got the lion's portion of this money and continues to. And it was quite a great event, and I was very happy to attend that.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Going down this way, we'll start all the way at the end. Go ahead, Representative Russell.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. President.

On July 1st, Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Lawrenceville will be having their Independence Day celebration, and it's sponsored by a great community organization, Lawrenceville United. And they have been doing this festival for 73 years, with fun for the whole family, live music, food and of course, Zambelli Fireworks at the end. So for more information, you can go to www.lunited.org.

Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Oh, did you ---
Representative DeWitt Walton?

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to share that on yesterday, I had the opportunity to put in place a computer lab with three organizations.

The computers were donated by the United Steel Workers and a community-based organization in Garfield, Brothers and Sisters Emerging, Mon Valley Circles, out of Turtle Creek, and the Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute put in that computer lab so that during the day residents of Garfield can register for the A. Philip Randolph Institute's Breaking the Chains of Poverty, do job searches.

In the afternoons and the evenings, the high school --- that schoolchildren can come in and do their homework and practice computer literacy. Because again, overcoming the digital divide in education is the pathway to success and empowers and transforms communities.

So I really want to pay real honor to the United Steel Workers for understanding that it is their investment in communities that ultimately result in greater employment opportunities and higher taxes generated by Allegheny County.

Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Moving down, who was ---
Representative Means, I think --- or John?

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. President and
Members of Council.

I just want to mention a couple things, if I may. Number one, I want to give a shout out to our --- our staff over at North Park and in particular, Andy Beckley and Clarence Hopson, because we were able to restart the Prostate Cancer Race on July the 4th. It had a hiatus of a year and with the cooperation of Mr. Jerry Livingston, who is the mainstay and --- and really, the cofounder of the whole --- the whole situation, they did a wonderful job.

And I'm proud to say it was a wonderful way for me to spend Father's Day because my daughter ran with me. Well, we crawled, more or less. She ran, I crawled, but we --- we got it done.

And I just want to commend our staff and everyone out there for doing a wonderful job. And it --- it was just a great day and what a beautiful setting for the race. And hopefully, next year, we'll be able to

double the size. I think we had about 700 there this year, and it was just great.

Also, I want to mention the fact that on July the 4th, we have the Brentwood Parade that's in my district, District Six. It's the largest parade in Allegheny County. We usually have about 43,000 spectators out there, and I welcome anyone that wants to come up there and spend a morning. It starts at ten o'clock and it's really quite a --- quite a parade and --- and it's just a nice --- it creates a great atmosphere for everyone, and it really helps us to celebrate what independence is all about, so I would welcome anyone that is interested.

You can talk to me, call me, e-mail me. I'll be glad to give you any information. And please, members, let me know who's coming, please, so I can make, you know, make the necessary arrangements.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay.

Representative Means?

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

First of all, I wanted to congratulate the Bridgeville Borough for a very successful community day, which was June 17th, last Saturday. We even had a visit from the Penguin mascot, Iceberg, and he was a big hit. He was a rock star.

It was a beautiful event and I just want to --- it was great music all day long and it's just a --- a great occasion to give the people of Bridgeville a real sense of community.

The other thing I wanted to mention, that on the 4th of July, Mount Lebanon will celebrate their community day. So again, there will be great music, and I think they'll probably have, like they did in Bridgeville, one of my favorite little games which is somebody sits on a --- you know, over a tub of water, and people throw a baseball and dump --- dump the guy in the tub.

But --- so and again, there will be fireworks at night, and great music and it will be a real sense --- a celebration and sense of community.

I also want to wish everybody a very safe and --- and happy 4th of July. And this 4th of July, I want to remind everyone what a great and awesome opportunity we have, that we get to live in a country where we're free.

We're free to express our religious beliefs. We're free to direct our medical care. We're free --- we're free and we have freedom of speech.

And I just want people to remember that it was just a little ragtag army, and we were outmanned, and we went against the greatest army in the world and we won with God's help. So everybody have a great --- great 4th of July.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Macey?

MR. MACEY: Thank you, Mr. President and Members of Council.

I don't think I have to remind anybody of the torrential rains and the flooding that we've had over the last week or so. But --- so I'd really like to commend the Public Works Department.

Those guys and --- and ladies were out there 24/7, trying to clear the debris that blocked culverts and drainage facilities. They were out there removing downed trees from --- from roads. They were cleaning landslides and clogged culverts, and clearing streams and creeks. Their work is --- is --- you know, it's immeasurable. These guys are just --- and ladies were just perfect.

And I know it was tough for a lot of communities. But you know, some of the communities that were really hard hit was the Becks Run Road area, Highland Road, Schuette Road, and Rock Run Road and also, areas in --- in my district, Liberty Borough.

But I --- I want to remind people, you know, these creeks and these streams don't just clog up. I think we, as citizens, we, as homeowners, need to be better stewards of our community. And when I say that, I mean when you cut your grass and you live by a stream, don't throw it in the creek thinking it's just going to go away. When you trim your bushes, and you trim your trees and things of that nature, you have garbage, don't throw it in the stream thinking it's just going to go away.

What it does is it ends up down the --- down the stream, and ends up at a --- at a small bridge. And it backs up, and it clogs things up, and ruins people's homes and yards and --- and things of that nature. So you know, be a better steward. Be a better citizen. Be a better homeowner. When you take and you cut those things and you have this extra debris, give it to your refuse department or take it to a proper dump site.

This brings me to another point. When these emergencies happen, guess who's there? The first responders. These are your volunteer fire companies. And you've heard me talk about this before. Your volunteer fire departments are there for you.

They save you many millions of dollars in taxes. But they don't do it for free, because what they're doing is they're raising money to support the gasoline, all of the equipment and things that they need. So as I said last meeting, if you come across a street fair, a volunteer fire company, or they send out a --- a mailer for donations, you know, do what you can. I --- I think that your volunteer fire departments, your first responders, are a true asset to our communities.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Kress, did you ---?

MR. KRESS: Yeah, I just wanted to say something.

Likewise, I was up there with Nick Futules at the Deer Lakes ribbon cutting. Also County Manager Willy McKain was there. And I have to say the administration has done a superb job, I have to say. Absolutely outstanding, what they've done in that park.

I used to go to that park as a child. There wasn't much up in that park, at that time. But now, they've actually done a lot of good things. The people were just really impressed. The children were there and everything. I mean, the swing sets, the playground itself, the largest playground in Allegheny County.

And again, the people up there have always kind of felt neglected. They are kind of on the edge of the County. So it's really nice to see that I've actually made a difference in my vote, to improve things for people.

And that's when you get elected, you're kind of like --- you're running around like, hey, what am I doing here? But actually, it's --- it's good to see, as a public official, that your vote actually meant something to people in the community. So I was proud of that vote and I'm proud of everything we've been able to accomplish up there, so thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Going down this way, I think Representative Ellenbogen was next.

MR. ELLENBOGEN: Nick can go.

MR. FUTULES: You know what? I --- I can't figure out how we all forgot. You know what the hardest part about winning the Stanley Cup is? Winning it two years in a row.

MS. KIRK: Three years.

MR. FUTULES: Yeah, winning it three years in a row, maybe.

But I do want to recognize the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the Stanley Cup again, and I want to congratulate the team. And any luck at all, we can get a proclamation and bring them in here to --- to congratulate them on their success.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Ellenbogen, or did I call you Futules?

MR. ELLENBOGEN: It wouldn't be the --- I've been called worse.

I'm going to change the mood for a second.

For the last ten years, I've sat up here. And every beginning of summer, I talk about the children that have --- that have drowned. Swimming pools, grandparents that just couldn't --- turned their back for a second, parents that turned their back for a second.

We had our first casualty that I read in the newspaper, the day before yesterday. A little boy, I think it was in Tarentum, drowned.

This --- you know --- and I talk about this all the time and as you guys know, I've been an emergency person. I've seen some of the most horrible things that a person should ever see in a lifetime. But the worst is when a parent, or a grandparent or a friend turns their back for a second and a small child drowns over --- over something that's generally a --- a wonderful event, whether it be a party, a --- whatever.

Please watch the kids, you know. I hope --- you know, this is my last year on Council and I hope that we can have a summer where I don't have to read about these tragedies.

And to the media, I would ask them when these kids drown, you put them right on the front page. I would really like to see you guys do an effort to talk about this kind of stuff and put it in --- in people's minds because people just generally, don't think about that kind of stuff. You know, you turn their back for a second

there's --- and you know, where's the two year old? You know, remind people. Watch the kids.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: I think Representative DeMarco was next and ---.

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

Last week, I took vacation from my place of employment and traveled up to Harrisburg, to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, where I participated in a program that they offer, called the Center for Excellence in County Leadership. I graduated from it last Friday and became the second councilman on Allegheny Council here to have graduated through that program.

It's a two and a half day intensive process. You undergo a lot of different things, assessments and things, to determine your type of personality, communication style and things like that.

You also have the opportunity to network with a number of other County Commissioners from across the state. In my class was --- excuse me, Christian Leinbach, Berks County Commissioner. Jeff Snyder, Clinton County Commissioner. Kevin Boozel, Beaver County Commissioner. Cynthia --- excuse me, Butler County Commissioner. Cynthia Cook, Clerk in Beaver County, and a number of folks.

I think it's an excellent program. It's offered to all of us, but they only select one person from a county, each year. I think next year, when the applications come out, I highly recommend if you're interested in it, please take a look at considering this program because I think it can only make us more effective leaders as we help to work to better Allegheny County.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Baker --- okay.

Let me get back --- okay. Representative Baker and then we'll come back to you.

MR. BAKER: All right. Thanks, Mr. President.

Well, first things first, congratulations to Councilman DeMarco in joining the club. I think that's great --- great advice to have somebody else from our County Council go through the program as well, next year. So congratulations to Sam.

I did want to mention we did our Northland office hours that I do once a month, last Monday. And Councilwoman Kirk, it was not the same without you. Your energy and enthusiasm, we'll have to --- we'll get you back soon.

Councilman DeMarco and I have done office hours together out in Western Allegheny, out in North Fayette. So I would say as an ACLA board member and somebody that's representing the whole county within libraries, if anyone ever wanted to do it together in any of your districts, certainly would be happy to partner up on joint office hours anywhere throughout the county. I think it'd be a lot of fun. It's a good way to certainly get the word out about what County Council is and --- and the work that we're doing here.

We taped the fifth edition of my public access show, Get Involved Moon Township, last week. And I'll tell you, there --- there were a lot of great guests on it, but the Maguliks, who are doing the miracle field --- the Miracle League up in Moon Township, called me like two or three days before the show and said is it okay if we bring Rocky Bleier with us? And I was like, a little public access show --- I was like, yes, absolutely. That would be fine if you brought Rocky Bleier.

So Rocky Bleier was actually on the episode talking about the miracle field and the good work the --- the Maguliks are doing in Moon Township. It was a great episode, so I'll make sure to send it out to everyone on Council.

We had a great kickoff for WOW. You've probably been reading a lot about WOW the last few weeks and last few months, but we had a great kickoff on WOW. There were reporters from all over the world. I know the County Executive has been really involved with WOW and bringing --- bringing flights to Pittsburgh and to our region. That's been great, so that --- that event was on Saturday night.

And there were tons of reporters there that then go back to their countries, and go back to their cities, and write amazing stories about Allegheny County and all the good work that's going on at the Pittsburgh International Airport. So lots of congratulations related to that.

And with that, I want to recognize our young leaders that are here tonight. This is becoming an annual

tradition. They look very sharp tonight with their matching red polos. But I work with Paul Williams. Paul is the business community liaison for the Job Corps center. And as I mentioned in my e-mail to all of you this morning, we'll be doing a little Q and A afterwards with the --- the student government leaders and we're very happy to have them back.

Kiefer is back, he's the --- the former president of the SGA. Kiefer has confirmed with me that there was a successful and smooth transition of power, from president to president, to Lois. Lois is third over there from the right. So Lois is the president. Hiram is the vice president. Breanna is the secretary and treasurer. Shane is the chief justice. Jamil is the sergeant at arms and Ryan is the non-residential ambassador.

So they're here tonight to learn about how county government works and they'll be downstairs with us, afterwards to do a little Q and A. But they are all amazing young leaders. We thank them for stepping up at the Job Corps center to be leaders there, and we certainly wish them well in all their future endeavors.

Job Corps is a great organization. I have been on the Community Relations Council now, for eight years, working with Paul and his colleagues there.

I will say we do have CRC meetings coming up. I'll make sure to invite you. We would love --- Paul, is this true? We would love you --- have you guys attend some of these meetings. You're all more than welcome. It's a nice breakfast that the students from the Job Corps center themselves actually prepare and --- and make for us, so it's --- it's pretty incredible.

With that, could we give a big round of applause for our six young leaders that are here tonight?

(Applause.)

MR. FUTULES: Tom?

MR. BAKER: Kiefer looks like a president already, he's like ---.

MR. FUTULES: Tom, Tom? Could you ask them to come up and take a picture with you for our newsletter? We'll have Stephanie take the picture.

MR. BAKER: Oh, okay.

MR. FUTULES: Why don't you go on up with him?

MR. BAKER: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: Come on up, kids. Better yet, all of us get our picture taken with him.

(Pictures taken.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Representative Catena, I think you were ---.

MR. CATENA: Thank you, Mr. President.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony with the County Executive in South Fayette for the Conservation District.

Considering the timing of the recent flooding we had, it was very appropriate. The grant that was awarded, actually, is a grant for the dirt, gravel and low volume roads program. And it actually prevents sediment from getting into the streams and further clogging up the streams to prevent further erosion.

So with the time limits of, like I said, with the most recent storms we've had, it was very appropriate and I wanted to congratulate South Fayette for winning that award.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. All right. We'll go down ---.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes, go ahead.

MR. PALMIERE: Point of privilege, please?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yeah.

MR. PALMIERE: I want to tell Council Lady Ms. Means that we'll be more than happy to put that situation up at Brentwood that the --- at our --- at our parade, if she will sit there and let us throw the balls at --- so she can --- I just think that would be a wonderful idea.

MS. RANALLI-RUSSELL: I was thinking that.

MS. MEANS: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Yes.

MS. MEANS: I'm sorry. Thank you for recognizing me.

I wanted to remind the residents of Allegheny County that we have begun our wonderful free concert series in our parks and this Friday night in South Park, will be the US Army Field Ambassadors Band at 7:30. So take advantage of the wonderful concerts we have in our park.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Thank you. Okay. We'll go down to 10213-17.

MR. BARKER: I apologize. Before proceeding, please let the record reflect that Mr. Klein is with us.

10213-17. An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying a new regulation of the Allegheny County Health Department promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to county departments of health under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Health and Human --- Human Resource Committee. 10214-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny ratifying a new regulation of the Allegheny County Health Department promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to county departments of health under the Pennsylvania Local Health Administration Law. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Health and Human Services. 10215-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the acceptance of the donation of a horse to the County for use in the Allegheny County Police's Mounted Unit. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into Public Safety Committee. 10216-17.

MR. BARKER: An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny to sell a 12,301.8 square foot parcel of excess vacant parcel of land, located on the northeasterly side of Summit Street, 200 feet west of westerly right-of-way line of Boyle Avenue, situate in the 8th Ward, City of McKeesport, tax parcel No. 461-A-164, for the fair market value amount of \$4,300, to McKeesport Alliance Church. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go the Public Works Committee. 10217-17.

MR. BARKER: A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2017, submission #07-17. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: That will go into the Budget and Finance Committee. 10218-17.

MR. BARKER: A Communication summarizing approved Executive Actions from May 1st through May 31st, 2017.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Someone want to ---?

MR. MACEY: Receive and file.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Okay. Someone want to second it?

MR. CATENA: Second.

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Under remarks? I mean, that is remarks --- all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: Opposed? The ayes have it. We have no public comment on general items. Does someone want to make a motion ---?

MR. WALTON: Motion to adjourn.

MR. CATENA: Second.

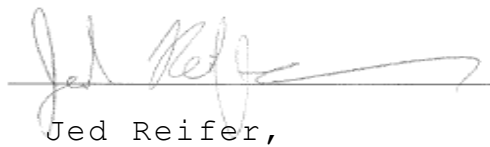
PRESIDENT DEFAZIO: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

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

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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.



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Court Reporter