

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick J. Catena	- President District 4, via phone
Robert J. Macey	- Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	- Council-At-Large
Bethany Hallam	- Council-At-Large, Chair
Jack Betkowski	- District 1
Suzanne Filiaggi	- District 2
Anita Prizio	- District 3
Tom Duerr	- District 5
John F. Palmiere	- District 6, Acting Chair
Nicholas Futules	- District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	- 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, Legislative Services
Brother Polemarch - Kappa Alpha Psi®
Anna Del Duca - Public
Meredith Parente - Public
Frank Parente - Public
Robin Lesko - Public
Yvonne Brown - Public

MR. PALMIERE: Good evening everyone. I call this meeting to order. Please, if you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MR. PALMIERE: Take a moment for a silent prayer of reflection, please. Thank you very much. Be seated. Jared, can we enter the roll call, please?

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
MS. BENNETT: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?
MS. FILIAGGI: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Here.
MR. BARKER: I thank you.
Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Here.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Here.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Here.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.
MR. BARKER: Thank you. All 15

members are present.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Proclamations and certificates. We're in the five. Presentation this here, this evening is 12365-22.

MR. BARKER: That's a proclamation recognizing 111th Anniversary of the Kappa Alpha Psi® Fraternity, sponsored by Counsel Member Walton.

MR. WALTON: 100th Anniversary celebrating Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter.

MR. BARKER: Up here it says 111th.

MR. WALTON: I'd like to ask my fellow members and our --- our Chapter Polemarch, Morton Stanfield and the rest of my brothers to come, come join me here at the podium.

MR. PALMIERE: Your red jacket is becoming more clear.

MR. WALTON: Yes. We have style man. We class, some of us. Come on, join me, come around. Come around guys.

During the reading of the proclamation some things will become abundantly clear, but I must say, before I get into it, that the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter has played a huge role in my life. I arrived in Pittsburgh on May 8th, 1995. The first African American that I met was a member of Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter. I came here and, for the first six months, I was alone. My family was in Indiana, and then after some turmoil in my life, I was alone again. And it was the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter that really filled a vacuum in my life, brotherhood, comradery, nurturing, caring, all the things that created the environment that the environment of our founding really spoke to, and so, it is --- it is with an extreme amount of pleasure that I get an opportunity to present this proclamation to my frat brothers.

WHEREAS, Kappa Alpha Psi® was a Fraternity, born in an environment saturated in racism. Kappa Alpha Psi® was established in Indiana University Bloomington. Due to the few blacks that took up residence at the university, felt ostracized and encountered extreme acts of discrimination, this was thought to be by --- to be because many of the settlers here were from below the Mason-Dixon Line and were sympathizers with the southern cause.

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana became a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan and --- and fueled the negative mindset toward blacks. This made day-to-day life for blacks a difficult task, including success in their studies. Even with this hostile, hostility, some black students sought an education at Indiana because it was a

tuition free university of the highest quality, however, many had to quit to pursue employment, and;

WHEREAS, black students in Indiana could not assimilate into the university lifestyle, like being unable to live on campus or use campus facilities. Blacks made up less than one percent of the student populations and could go weeks without seeing another black on campus. The only sports that blacks could participate in was track and field because it was a non-contact sport, and;

WHEREAS, in the 1910-1911 school year, as small group of black students were attending Indiana. Due to the lack of social life at the university, they decided that a Greek-letter Fraternity would do so much to enhance the missing link in their college existence. And then, and those ten men, in order, Elder Watson Diggs, Byron K. Armstrong, Ezra Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, George W. Edmonds, Guy Letus Grant, Edward G. Irvin and John Moon Lee established an organization that served both as a mutual aid society and a vehicle for achieving.

WHEREAS, originally known as Alpha Omega, on January 5th, 1911, the fraternity became known as Kappa Alpha Nu. And on May 15th, 1911, Kappa Alpha Nu became the first incorporated black fraternity in the United States following the granting of the charter by the Indiana Secretary and --- the Secretary and State, and;

WHEREAS, following additional acts of bigotry Kappa Alpha Nu went through another name change, ultimately becoming Kappa Alpha Psi®, which is the second oldest existing collegiate black Greek-letter Fraternity and the first intercollegiate Fraternity incorporated as a national body. Kappa Alpha Psi® has over 125,000 members with 700 undergraduate and alumni chapters in nearly every state in the United States. They also have international chapters in Nigeria, South Africa, the West Indies, the United Kingdom, Germany, Korea, and;

WHEREAS, because of lack of income, World War II and intense racism of that period, many of those founders did not complete their education at Indiana University but continued their quest for achievement in a variety of fields to the standard of --- of --- to develop the standard of success that continues to this day.

WHEREAS, one of those ten founding members, Marcus P. Blakemore, left school, served in the military, married and entered the University of Pittsburgh and

subsequently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. He graduated from the dental school in 1923 and then in 1949 became the first black to receive the Master of Science degree in prosthetic dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh.

On July 22nd, he --- July 22nd, 1922 he, along with Edward Bailey, William C. Cuthbert, Edward L. Harris, Oscar Harris, B. O. Holland, Howard C. McKinney, and Edward Moss chartered the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi® and continued the principles of achievement in every field of human endeavor.

Some of these members, to improve the quality of life in the city and region, men, such as Henry Austin, the first black to obtain a civil engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh. William Good, pharmacist. Artie Evans who led the Urban League. James P. Casey of Ebenezer Baptist Church. Alex Johnson past president of CCAC. Lieutenant Colonel George M. Charlton of the Pittsburgh Parking Authority. Fulton Meachem and Caster Binion Executive Directors of the Housing Authority, City of Pittsburgh. Leonard Heel, Charter Member of Beta Epsilon. Aaron Walton, current President Chaney University and, yours truly, DeWitt Walton, County Council Member District 10.

Community transformation, inclusion and everything. Kappa Alpha Psi® provides leadership for the past, present and the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and I, Allegheny County Council Member, DeWitt Walton, do hereby recognize and congratulate Kappa Alpha Psi® on their occasion of its 100th Anniversary. I also want to recognize many --- many years of assimilation of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi®, in witness hereof, I here unto cause the seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed to this 12th day of July, 2022. I will add this corrected to reflect 100 years as opposed to 100 (sic) years. Thank you. And with that, Brother Polemarch, the mic is yours.

BROTHER POLEMARCH: Thank you very much, Brother Walton, and that you to the rest of the Council Members. It's an honor to receive this proclamation and it's an honor to be the Polemarch of the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter at a time where we celebrate 100 years of achievement, 100 years of setting an example for young black men in this city, and here's to 100 more. Thank you.

MR. WALTON: Let's go take a picture guys.
Well, I'm charging. I'm charging ten bucks a copy.
MR. PALMIERE: You're going to want to stand in
the building after this.
MS. BENNETT: Congratulations to you Brothers.
MR. WALTON: Thank you.
MR. BETKOWSKI: Congratulations, Gentlemen.
MR. PALMIERE: Be heard. Be heard.
MR. WALTON: Man, they brought you out of the
dust Doug.
BROTHER DOUG: No. This is the first time I'm
up to it.

PICTURES TAKEN of Kappa Alpha Psi® Members and
Allegheny County Council Members.

CONGRATULATIONS BY ALL

MR. WALTON: Sure. Thank you. Is it possible
to get them copies?
MS. SARAH: Yes. Right. Yes.
MR. WALTON: I'll make copies of that and I'll
share with the checks.
MR. PALMIERE: Okay.
MR. WALTON: Oh, right here, did you correct
that --- on that proclamation for me?
MS. SARAH: One second. What's that?
MR. WALTON: 100 years. Right under ---.
MR. BARKER: Are you sure you want that changed?
MR. WALTON: Yes. Should be 100 years. Thank
you.

MS. SARAH: Yes.
MR. WALTON: I'll pick it up tomorrow, because I
have to come in at two o'clock tomorrow. Thank you.
Yeah, I'll --- I'll ---.

MS. SARAH: Okay.
MR. WALTON: I'll pick it up tomorrow, Sarah.
MS. SARAH: Okay.
MR. WALTON: So then we can come in tomorrow.
Thank you, guys.

MR. PALMIERE: The remaining proclamations are
going to be red into the record please.

MR. BARKER: Bill Number 12366-22. A
proclamation recognizing the charity work of the Ancient
Order of Hibernians as they hold their convention in
Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and
Palmosina.

12367-22. A proclamation recognizing the charity work of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians as they hold their convention in Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Palmosina.

12368-22. A proclamation recognizing the 101st convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians being held in Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Palmosina.

12369-22. A proclamation congratulating the West Mifflin High School Baseball team for capturing the school's first WPIAL title in baseball. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

12370-22. A proclamation congratulating each of the players of the West Mifflin High School Baseball team for winning the school's first WPIAL championship in baseball. Sponsored by Council Member Macey.

And 12371-22. A proclamation recognizing and congratulating Dr. William H. Curtis on the occasion of his 25th anniversary as a minister. Sponsored by Council Member Bennett.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Public Comment On Agenda Items?

MR. BARKER: And we have none on Agenda Items.

MR. PALMIERE: Approval of Minutes.

MR. BARKER: We have none.

MR. PALMIERE: Presentation of Appointments.

MR. BARKER: Bill Number 12361-22. Approving the appointment of Jason Markovich to the Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority, the Allegheny County Hospital Development Authority, the Allegheny County Higher Education Building Authority, and the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2027. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: That'll go to the committee on appointment review.

MR. BARKER: 12362-22. Approving the appointment of Jason Markovich to the Authority for Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2027. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: Another for the committee on appointment review.

MR. BARKER: And 12363-22. Approving the appointment of Jason Markovich to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2027. Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: That will also go to the committee on appointment review.

Unfinished Business.

MR. BARKER: Bill Number 12358-22. A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2022 (Submission #02-22). Sponsored by the Chief Executive.

MR. PALMIERE: Mr. Palmosina.

MR. PALMOSINA: Thank you, Mr. President.

The Budget and Finance Committee met on July 7th and firmly recommended this resolution, that would amend the Grants and Special Accounts Budget to accept \$115,820 in Grant funding from the Pennsylvania Department of State for the Election Division to improve the administration of elections through technology and security improvements. I move for approval.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MS. HALLAM: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: I have Approval and a Second. Any comments? Seeing none. Roll Call please.

MR. BARKER: On Motion to Approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Thank you. Aye's 15. No's Zero.
The bill passes.
MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

The Special Committee on 2021/'22 Reapportion met immediately before this meeting and released Bill Number 12354-22 to the Full Council for their final vote. I would like to accept a Motion and add this item to the Agenda, please.

MR. PALMOSINA: So moved.

MR. MACEY: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Motion and Second. Okay. Can we have a Roll Call, please?

MR. BARKER: On the Motion to Add to the Agenda.

MR. PALMIERE: On the Motion to Add. Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Thank you. Aye's 14. No's 1.
The Motion to Add to the Agenda passes.
MR. PALMIERE: Will you please read the title of
12354-22?

MR. BARKER: Bill Number 12354-22. An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 301 entitled County Council §5-301.03 entitled County Council Districts in order to provide the reapportionment of County Council Districts within Allegheny County. Sponsored by Council Member Duerr.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. May I have a Motion to Approve the 12354-22 and a Second. And then we can move into discussion.

MR. DUERR: So moved.

MR. WALTON: Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Moved and Second. Okay.

Now, is there any discussion? Jack?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yeah. The redrawing maps is always a challenge because population isn't distributed evenly in Allegheny County. There are pockets where population is very dense and then other areas where, you know, population is less dense.

And in constructing the maps I expect it's a great effort was trying to at least keep communities of interest together, for example, to --- and keep the river valley towns together --- municipalities to get and not break them up.

MR. PALMIERE: And that's the point.

MR. BETKOWSKI: The map that is being presented tonight has municipalities that are less, less densely populated and, among them, they are experiencing growth because there is land available for development of commercial, industrial in the airport corridor and the residential.

In an effort to try to keep communities of interest, in other words, in this case, where there's a lot of developments where there's a lot of land available for development, these municipalities are largely around

the peripheral part of Allegheny County in the western and in the northern, in the suburbs.

The second comment that I want to make is, four years ago I ran for this office and at the League of Women Voters for Councilman Baker, at that time, and I were there and the question was asked with the District 1 was gerrymandered. And I'll allow members of the public, the residents of Allegheny County, to take a look at the map and just with your own eyes determine whether you feel that the map that's being presented as District 1 is a good one.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Anyone? DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Thank you, Mr. President.

If we look into presenting these maps tonight, well, I can assure one thing that there are members of the public that will not be happy and that's because they --- it could change. The change is always difficult for folks to accept. The maps that exist today were ones that were drawn back from the census, which took place in 2010.

So there's been vast changes in Allegheny County on where people live, choose to live and have moved. Many thing changed, voting patterns and things of that have changed. I can say that we've worked with the Council, other members of Council to do the best we can in a bipartisan fashion to come up with something that addresses, you know, our concerns.

You know, one of the concerns that I brought into this was a concept of, proportionality, which was what was used in the reinforcement process in the legislative and the congressional maps here in Pennsylvania. It was held up in Pennsylvania Supreme Court, but we've been working with map makers because people choose to live where they live and the density that varies, you know, you couldn't draw maps to accommodate necessarily that proportionality no matter how you try.

So the maps that we're presenting today are the very best that we were able to draw in fairness to all the people of Allegheny County and I want to let them know that while there are some folks that are not going to be happy, you know, oh, we've done the best that we can. We're happy to talk to anybody to explain the decisions that we made. Thank you, Mr. President.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. DeMarco.

I think Nick, now I'll let you have it. Okay? Go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: Okay. I just wanted to thank the members of the Committee and all the other Council Members for the good discussion that we had during this process and that was important. We weren't trying to disfranchise any individual member or --- or future members of this Council, so I just want to take that opportunity to thank everybody for their time and effort and --- and that's about it. Thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Futules. Mr. Duerr?

MR. FUTULES: And I'd like to welcome Mr. Duerr, please.

MR. PALMIERE: Sure.

MR. DUERR: After the pass with Mr. Futules' comments. I think a lot of Councilmembers on this Council have like very, you know, like you all have broad interests and topics we care deeply about. For me, it's maps I guess, and I've been called the --- and during the committee meetings at breakfast, the fact that I have no life, in regards to this topic. And while I would like to respectfully disagree, I think I've spent more time in the past month on day for district doing crafting, like at the pavilion, different versions of this map, trying to find a way to get my colleagues on board.

When we started this process, you know, one of the goals I wanted to have was to get as many people on board as possible and certainly to work in a transparent and bipartisan manner with my two public colleagues who I think I have made every effort to do so during this process of committee and, I think, as Councilman DeMarco said, there is no pertinent like this, like people legislation. There is no perfect piece of legislation, but for all of the comments that as many as my colleagues had reached out to --- to me about during this process. I tried my best to fit in as many of them as I possibly could and, at the end of the day, there's always going to be one more change that you --- that, quote, would like to have seen and/or, you know, one more, this is how many years? Switch out with another. But I think we landed on something that affects the current map as little as possible while also adjusting for population birth around. And just as important, to me, is I don't think that this was a bipartisan --- I don't think this was a partisan journey. I think we were --- we're a 13 member, you know, the Council right now, that's the highest, you know,

democratic majority in the district and I think we very easily could have gone within a lot of national trends and drawn this pretty significantly to fit our purposes, but I firmly believe that we did not do that because of the process with the committee talking with the council members about their decisions in districts and I'm --- I am proud of what we came to. I am incredibly proud of the hard work that I'm going to pat myself on the back that I put into this. And, you know, any council members who are disappointed or upset where we ended off, I'm sorry. I tried my best as I always have and I hope that --- I don't know if I'll be here in ten years for the next time, but I hope someone is that likes maps as much as I do, because this was, while a very rigorous process, one that I found certainly a lot of reward in hopefully getting us to a conclusion. It's something that I see very, very important, is a foundational aspect of our congressmen. So thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Duerr, for this.

MR. WALTON: Thank you, Mr. --- Mr. President.

Tom, you just said you don't know whether you'll be here in ten years or not. But if I'm here, I hope somebody hit me in the back of the head with a stick.

MR. BETKOWSKI: It's not for Tom to decide.

MR. WALTON: You know, in all honesty, I wasn't happy with how that was driven --- drawn, but it --- but it did address concerns that I raised early on which were to ensure a great likelihood that two African Amer --- at least two African Americans were many a member of this Council, race maps, race has and will always map because there is inequity, there's injustice and we, as elected, have a moral obligation to provide some malice. I'm not trying to chastise anybody. I'm just saying that those are facts.

I love this council for dealing with the chunk of the tough issues and finally coming up with a proposal that could address the concerns regarding race that I have. It's important. I will always be a standup guy for what I believe in and the hell with anybody, you know, that will oppose the truth.

Congratulations to Tom and Sam for hammering it out. And --- and thanks to the rest of the Council for hopefully approving this for the next ten years.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Mr. Walton. Hang on.
Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Thank you very much. Thank you very much. I would like to just echo many of the comments.

And, first of all, I wanted to indicate how much I respect and appreciate the work that Councilman Duerr put into these maps and educating me on how they even draw the maps, which I am now obsessed myself and will be drawing maps for everything. But it also helps me as a newcomer to the Council learn my own district and this was a big lesson and worth it for me. So he deserves a lot of thanks for all of the effort.

I also want to thank all of the special committee for voting on this issue, for tackling tough decisions and for moving us forward. I appreciate that as well.

And I wanted to assure the members of the district. I don't say my district, but it's the district too, because it's here for other people, whoever wants to run. I may not be me, but I want to assure the residents and the constituents in District 2 that this was a bipartisan effort and all of your concerns that were relayed to me and through other people have been addressed as best as they could and this Council did work together to move it forward in a professional and respectful manner. So thank you very much.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

Mr. Macey?

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

What the Council of what Ms. Filiaggi said, however, after having been here more than 16 years, this is my second reinforcement and experience. And although I wasn't on a committee, the committee members treated me with respect and took in my ideas, my thought, but not that we always agree, but through bipartisanship and through understanding, and through this recent meeting, just before this meeting, people spoke, they got together, they worked and this is one we've got. And I want to thank them. I certainly want to thank Sam, I want to thank Tom Duerr and, of course, the person who Chaired the meeting tonight, Bethany Hallam. Thank you.

MS. HALLAM: I have one.

MR. PALMIERE: Okay.

MS. HALLAM: Thank you.

I just want to give, in my opinion, the process that was followed to create this map and any discussion around this map is a violation of the legal precedent that we are supposed to follow when it comes to reapportionment.

In my opinion, I believe that anyone, any citizen of Allegheny County who is interested in filing a lawsuit against the implantation of this map should listen to the recordings of the reapportionment committee meetings that we have had so far in the debate of this map. And that is all I have to say.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. WALTON: On to motion.

MR. PALMIERE: Oh. On the Motion. Okay. May I have a Roll Call please on Motion 12354-22?

MR. BARKER: On the Motion to Approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?

MS. BENNETT: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi?

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Yes.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Aye's 13. No's 2. The bill passes.

MR. PALMIERE: Congratulations everyone on the committee for all your hard work and thank you so very much for bringing this to a conclusion. Thank you.

Okay. Where are we at here?

Oh. Okay.

Under --- first of all, Liaison, Liaison Reports. Are there any? And seeing none. Okay.

Under New Business. Ordinances 1372-22 (sic).

MR. BARKER: And Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Article 1013 of the Administrative Code, which is known as the "Accountability, Conduct and Ethics Code of Allegheny County" in order to supplement the provisions pertaining to political activity as set forth in §5-1013.09.0, as well as to clarify certain definitions in §5-1013.03 and be applicable with the County's annual financial disclosure requirements in §5-1013.05. Sponsored by Council Members DeMarco and Macey.

MR. PALMIERE: And have that has been recommended to the committee on a government reform. And under New Business, Motions?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

MR. PALMIERE: Notification of Contracts.

MR. BARKER: Bill Number 12373-22.

That's communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of June, 2022.

MR. DUERR: Motion received.

MR. PALMIERE: Can I have a Motion to Second?

MR. MACEY: Second.

MS. FILIAGGI: Second.

MR. BARKER: Next, please.

MR. PALMIERE: All those in favor?

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MR. PALMIERE: Public Comment on General Terms, on General Items.

MR. BARKER: We have a fairly large number of individuals who signed up to comment tonight, many of them submitted written comments, so they may not all be here.

First up would be Douglas Shields.

MS. FILIAGGI: Nope.

MR. PALMIERE: Not here.

MR. BARKER: Next up would be Anna Del Duca

MS. HALLAM: She's in the back. Come up here.

MS. DEL DUCA: I can get one. As far as I'm concerned, I --- I can't just leave --- I'd love to stay.

MS. BENNETT: If you give one to our clerk.

MS. DEL DUCA: Thank you kindly. Thank you so much.

MR. PALMIERE: Oh, God.

MS. DEL DUCA: I'm going to pass those out. All right?

MS. HALLAM: Oh, my. Separation of Church and State.

MR. PALMIERE: Yeah. This is a matter. This is a moral issue.

MS. HALLAM: I know.

MS. DEL DUCA: Privilege to be here. May I speak or is it okay to do so?

MS. HALLAM: Uh-huh (yes).

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

MS. HALLAM: We can't hear you though.

MS. DEL DUCA: Do I do anything special?

MR. PALMIERE: Speak up loud.

MS. DEL DUCA: Okay.

Thank you for the privilege to speak and for your thoughtful consideration. The Bible says, let the wise listen, and add to their learning and let the discerning get guidance. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

It is evidential that mortality in our city, country and world has dramatically risen and correlates positively related to the consequences of abortion. We, as a city, nation, and world may look away from our responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life. With each measure a person is given, we are each held accountable by God for our individual roles, privately, socially, and professionally.

Let us recall the words of our Pledge of Allegiance. We are One Nation Under God and that we must recognize that Jesus came, that we would, including the aged, disabled, the pre-born, and those suffering infirmity have life and have it more abundantly.

We are repeatedly advised, by God, to stop shedding innocent blood, and by choosing not to advocate on behalf of abortion, we can choose to promote the sanctity of life and submit ourselves as one city and one nation under God. I speculate that God will hold us, as

informed adults, just as accountable for abortion in our county as many of the parents and, in some cases, more so.

I have worked for the last 25 years as a Professional Nurse concentrating in perioperative anesthesia. I am unable to enforce abortion. Morally, and legally, I cannot allow anyone in my care to sell-harm, nor can I allow practitioner to, deliberately, end the life of my patients. Abortion results in critical injuries to parents that include mind, body and spirit. Unchanging in medical practice is the triune constant, protecting every person's right to life, regardless of age, disability or disease.

I'm also privileged to maintain an Associate Membership with AAPLOG, the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists. AAPLOG is our nation's pre-eminent medical voice who informs the medical community, policy-makers and the public on the importance of declining the use of death as a therapeutic option.

I'm also privileged to serve at RSDI-Pitt estuary, an online ministry that serves to protect life and provide healing, a healing framework to those suffering from every form of abortion regret.

For myself after abortion, and both men and women, adverse health effects range in severity with potential to cause chronic disability, traumatic stress disorder and death, and difficulties working productively, nightmares, insomnia, physical and relationship difficulties, fear, anxiety, anger, shame, aggression, loss of trust, suicidal behaviors, substance abuse, eating disorders are some of the ruminating thoughts, are some of the things that people can go through following abortion. Particularly after pharmaceutical abortion the trauma is magnified and deeply embedded as the mother sees the dead

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MS. HALLAM: Stop.

MS. DEL DUCA: --- child expelled from her body.

MS. HALLAM: Time's up. It's over.

MS. DEL DUCA: Thank you. Thank you so kindly.

I appreciate the privilege.

MR. BARKER: Next up would be Meredith Parente.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

MR. PARENTE: I gift it so she can keep going.

MS. PARENTE: Evening. Hi. I'm Meredith Parente. I have been an almost life-long resident of

Allegheny County. We have lived the last 30 years in Penn Hills, Nick Futules' area, and we've raised five children here. We have six grandchildren in the county and four of our children still live in the county. We love our home. We're invested here. We want to see the best for our county.

I want to tell you about a woman I'm helping right now. Ann has three children and is pregnant. Her common-law husband and father of the three is an abusive alcoholic. They were together for 11 years before she tried moving out. Unfortunately, she found herself in another abusive relationship and pregnant with his child. She ended up moving back in with the father of the three.

I met her the day she went to Planned Parenthood for an abortion. They did an ultrasound to determine if she could have the abortion pill and when she saw her 15-week old baby, she changed her mind. She never wanted an abortion. She just didn't know what else to do. She's been living in hotels and in her car which she bought with money she saved. She works as an InstaCart delivery person. She didn't need an abortion. She needs help.

Friends of mine gave her a baby shower and she has everything she needs for this baby except a place to live, which we're working on.

I hope you've read the details of the Right to Choice Bill, it was written thoughtfully and thoroughly, undoubtedly by a lawyer. It's what is doesn't consider that concerns me, for instance, I was appalled to discover that well over 40 percent of abortions, in Pennsylvania, are to women of color who, in the child-bearing years, makeup only five to six percent of the population. Did you know that? Women deserve better than abortion.

Abortion hurt one of my best friends. Her mother forced her to abort her first child when she was 16 years old. Instead of enjoying the bright future that the abortion promised, she went on to have more abortions and seven children to several men. She lives on medications for her mental health, occasionally being hospitalized.

Other women have approached me over the years with similar stories of abortions that were supposed to fix their problems but instead it left them depressed, abusers of drugs and alcohol, or with other mental issues. Several women I know aborted the only child they will ever have.

Another told --- told me of her beautiful daughter, aborted her child, fell into depression, and died of a drug overdose. So many problems an abortion was supposed to fix could have been solved in a short nine months. Pregnancy isn't a disease. You don't catch it by COVID. It's not unavoidable.

One of your jobs, as County Council, is to be the local provider of state healthcare mandates. If Pennsylvanians choose to protect women and their children from abortion, it's your job to carry that out locally.

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MS. PARENTE: I'm asking that you do that by making a law for the county.

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MS. PARENTE: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: Next up is Georgette Forney?

MS. HALLAM: No one.

MR. BARKER: Next would be Cyndi Sagath?

MS. HALLAM: Next.

MR. BARKER: Next up would be Brian Nuckols?

MR. PALMIERE: They're all ---.

MS. FILIAGGI: Afraid they'll have to. So go on.

MR. BARKER: Joy Braunstein? Thomas Baldauff? Frank Parente?

MR. PARENTE: I thank the Board for being here today and well --- well, for letting me speak in your --- in the --- about laws of the unborn.

Abortion is not healthcare, it is the shedding of innocent blood. It was an abomination to God. It's also considered child sacrifice to God's such as convenience, comfort, education, wealth and fear.

Jeremiah 4:10 tell us that God of all creation knew you before you were formed in the womb. Participating in an abortion fears with --- interferes with God's plan for your child. When you do that, the spirit of death enters your life instead of life and blessing.

John 10:10 says the thief with come only to steal, kill and destroy. Now you are a slave in bondage to an evil master when you submit yourself to this.

The bloodshed of the unborn, now touches the homes, the streets, the schools, the churches and other places in this nation. We suffer under a curse. The spirit of death is being passed from generation to

generation. Your descendants will suffer as human life has no value.

The civil war was a reckoning of the bloodshed of slaves, many had to die to pay their price for the evil.

In this nation, we have been losing the protection of God and his faithful. 9/11 is an example. The financial crisis of 2008. COVID, COVID-19, inflation, recession.

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MR. PARENTE: And mass killings are a warning of a merciful God who chastises those he loves, providing correction and justice.

If these warnings are not heeded, expect to break a lamb at the injustice. Stop the needless shedding of the blood on the unborn. Repent. And those that agree and stand the --- in the apple of the shedding of the unborn, this blood is on your hands and your families. Be redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ who died for your sins. I thank you.

MS. HALLAM: All right.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you. Next?

MR. BARKER: Next up is Judy Baldauff? Kathy Laslow? Kathie Westman? Robert Sroufe? Kirsii Jansa? Mary Weidner? Virginia Mulky? William Griscom? Amy Portenlanger? David Bertenthal?

Last up, we have two individuals who signed up untimely. At least one of them is here tonight. The first of them is Robin Lesko.

MS. LESKO: Thank you very much for that honestly, albeit, my heart is in this. My name is Robin Lesko. I'm an Allegheny County resident, 60 Academy Avenue, 15228.

I just wanted to say thank you, again, for this evening and I would like to comment on something further, but I'm here speaking for a delegation that's also present here that is representing over a dozen groups --- there's the bill --- supporting Bill Number 12162. And these organizations are representing the thinking and semblance of thousands of Allegheny County residents who are opposed to fracking in our public parks.

We are absolutely elated that County Council, in its overwhelming majority has voted yes to 12162 and we want to thank you for what you've done.

For those that have been part of this Council majority and have sponsored this bill, we want you to know that your defense of our parks has been an absolute inspiration to us and that has made many of your constituents extremely proud and has the full support of many thousands of residents that have been watching what's been happening on this issue for over a year now.

For this reason, and I apologize for asking one more thing before we have summer recess. We are asking if our County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, he took this legislation as he had failed to do over the past week. We ask that a special meeting be held for a detailed override and for you also vote yes, again, to 12162. Thank you all so much and have a wonderful summer.

If I may use their name and time, I would just like to call mine public comments. I do understand that this is a very heavy issue and a lot of trauma involved is involved with women that do have to make that choice whether or not to keep their baby or not. As a former trauma counselor who has had to counsel multiple rape victims, people have failed birth control, people that just realized that they lost their housing and there are no public programs that are sufficient enough right now to support this. I would like to say that anyone who says that there is blood on their hands, that supports the abortion legislation, will you open your homes to be foster parents? Will you open your wallet ---

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MS. LESKO: --- to absolutely fund programs that will allow people to not have to make these difficult choices, as I had to counsel a 14 year old that was raped by an uncle, and the only way that she was set free was to have an early abortion, even though she cried about it and said now I finally can be emancipated.

MR. PALMIERE: Wow.

MS. LESKO: And actually live the life I want instead of the life that was intended to me. More importantly, I was very happy, at the age of 36, that I had a surprise pregnancy as I've been wanting my whole life and I had a partner that asked to terminate. I said, no, because it is my choice. So thank you for protecting our choice. Thank you for protecting women's rights and women's healthcare and don't support foster care. Deal with healthcare. The blood is on your hands. God Bless. I thank you.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you.

MR. BARKER: And second of the untimely sign-ups will be Yvonne Brown.

MR. PALMIERE: Sure. I think she's in the ---.

MS. HALLAM: Leave it, Ms. ---.

MS. BROWN: Good evening. My name is Yvonne F. Brown. I live at 715 Kaeor --- or Ms. Thomas. There's a lot of you older Councilmen knew Mr. Erbs (phonetic). I am coming down because I have come down to ask that can we get a bus from the top of the hill to the bottom of the hill to the hospital. We don't have one. We have to come through town. I'm --- I'm --- well, I'm 75, and I have health problems. I couldn't get on the bus. I was afraid that I might die. But if we can go to the --- if they can make a bus to the bottom of the hill, even if we have to walk a block over, but we have to catch the bus with people that have problems and they could have this disease.

I also wanted to speak with Mr. Walton, so he can know. So you know he can talk a whole lot of stuff.

Look, your last president was what came up during his campaign. Well, his wife was at the door. When I came she said, well, look for my husband. I said to her, you better tell your husband he had to talk to us. Then she said, not my Joe. I said, yes, your Joe. So we go in and I'm talking to Joe and his wife. While we're talking --- because Joe remembers, because I had said you owed me money, money for --- I wanted for August Wilson and cause I'm --- this year we're giving money for a --- back for it. I said August Wilson.

Do you understand that we don't have a bus, commission. There's no way that it should be there. K.D. went over and fought for these old people. K.D. were --- or would turn over in his grave if he knew that you're not even trying. That Mr. Walton told me, okay, ask to get City Council. Me and Saul and Bean, didn't get to ---.

MR. WALTON: Okay.

MS. BROWN: Get --- get along too well. His sister lives up there. And K.D., well, she's dragging the the bill. When I came, you have to get mister call, so as I had --- I had dishes.

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MS. BROWN: And you see that we have to keep in touch with --- with you. So I said, sir, I --- I didn't have nothing to do with that, so you never helped us get

the bus, but could have. The old people said to come up, come up. And so your last president when he left out he had took it. He was on that thresh, he came and called, he called Ms. Brown. Now you know how evil he can be sometime. He had hugged me and said keep coming to the meetings. Keep speaking out and that's why I'm down here. You need to know. He sit here and talked like he's for everybody, but why don't we have a bus? How many years have we have been asking about it, even with the weekly, he didn't help. Now they even made him up under the Mayor and I said to the Mayor, hey, he didn't tell us --- get a bus, and what you going to do? He's us he can't do nothing. And I said, but you got a mouth. You can speak about it. Bring me the bus, and I'm not kidding. There's 192 apartments in that building. It's not a new building. All these old people have to get the bus.

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MS. BROWN: We don't have a bus here.

MR. PALMIERE: Thank you, Ms. Brown.
Can I get a Motion for Adjournment?

MR. MACEY: Motion to Adjourn.

MR. PALMIERE: Do I have a Second?

MR. DUERR: Yeah. I Second.

MR. PALMIERE: Now then, all --- all in favor?

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MR. PALMIERE: Meeting adjourned.

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