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Good Jobs, Smart Development and Strong Communities Principles for a Vibrant, Sustainable & UNITED Pittsburgh

We all want to live in a vibrant Pittsburgh with good jobs and healthy neighborhoods, and we now have the opportunity to enact policies and organize towards a city that is truly livable for everyone.

The City has an important role to play in making sure that all Pittsburgh residents have a fair shot at supporting their families and living in safe and sustainable communities. Government must provide a level playing field, engage in responsible development, and use public investments to spread broad prosperity, not poverty. Government must also generate sufficient revenue to support public needs by ensuring that everyone pays their fair share.

We are UNITED in our commitment to making Pittsburgh a city where *all* people can live, learn, work and thrive. The measure of successful policy should be that Pittsburghers can support their families, access affordable homes and live in healthy neighborhoods. With strong leadership and a broad, powerful coalition, we can make this vision a reality.

Create and Sustain Good Jobs

It is time for the City to use all of the tools at its disposal to create pathways out of poverty by ensuring access to good, family-sustaining jobs. Nearly one in four Pittsburghers lives in poverty. It is time to build an economy that works for all.

- Ensure city dollars are spent to create family sustaining jobs. The City should ensure that any time public money is used to fund development, businesses receiving subsidies – and those with whom they contract – are held to prevailing wage requirements. This includes outreach and education, development of best practice solicitation and contract language as well as vigorous enforcement of existing law.
- Encourage private development creates good permanent jobs for local residents.
- Ensure that UPMC respects its workers' right to organize and creates and supports good jobs for Pittsburgh residents both as a direct employer and through contracts and procurement.
- Raise minimum standards for all workers by demanding fair contracts, a safe work environment, and a higher minimum wage that keeps pace with

inflation. The city should explore and pass legislation such as paid sick leave that supports low wage workers and protects public health and safety.

- Support the efforts of low-wage workers across the region to organize and improve their jobs.

Development for the Public Good

The City has a responsibility to ensure that public and private development creates long-term economic opportunities for working families and healthy, equitable communities for generations to come. As the benefactors of public development, Pittsburgh taxpayers should have a voice in a transparent planning process.

- Maximize our largest ever-public investment to fix our sewer system AND rebuild neighborhoods, fight blight, create good jobs, clean our air and water, and manage stormwater by investing in green infrastructure solutions first in our communities.
- Promote a healthy and clean environment through strong enforcement of existing clean air and water ordinances.
- Ensure opportunities for meaningful community participation in planning processes. Create structures for community engagement, such as public hearings and stakeholder representation on boards and commissions, as well as strong outreach and education efforts and good language access policies.
- Establish a review process and standards for assessing the community and economic benefits of proposed large-scale developments that are transparent and fully engage community stakeholders.
- Leverage private development to build thriving mixed-income neighborhoods with truly affordable homes for low and moderate-income families through inclusionary zoning.