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COUNCILMAN LAVELLE ANNOUNCES A COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH UPMC MERCY HOSPITAL

July 30, 2018, Pittsburgh, PA—Councilman Lavelle has reached a community benefits agreement (CBA) with UPMC Mercy hospital regarding the amendment of UPMC’s Institutional Master Plan. Included in the CBA is a commitment from UPMC to the community for:

- 1) Health Equity, which includes some of the following:
 - a. Developing an addiction medicine specialty clinic on the UPMC Mercy Campus
 - b. Developing an inpatient Integrated Medical Care Unit for the purposes of serving patients with dual medical and behavioral health diagnoses, while working with as many “minority community service providers” as possible in this capacity.
 - c. Partner with McAluey Ministries, Bethlehem Haven, and Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health to develop and fund a post-acute medical respite care facility at Bethlehem Haven

- 2) Local Hiring and Business Development Opportunities, which includes some of the following:
 - a. Work with Councilman Lavelle to host job fairs, interview events, resume workshops and provide training for opportunities at UPMC Mercy and the Mercy Vision and Rehabilitation Hospital
 - b. Expand existing workforce programs, including the InnovatePGH Talent Alliance and the Energy Innovation Center’s Environmental Services Associate Trainee Program, Facility Management Program, and Introduction to Construction Program to UPMC Mercy and the Vision and Rehabilitation Hospital

- c. Work with Councilman Lavelle to host an event(s) centered on specific procurement opportunities for business entities with emphasis on businesses in the Hill District/Uptown Communities and other underserved communities.
 - d. Support mentor-protégé efforts to help grow the capacity of MWBE and veteran owned firms currently lacking capacity to provide products and services on their own.
 - e. Partner with the A Phillip Randolph Institutes' "Breaking the Chains of Poverty" program to identify, recruit and train local residents for opportunities in the construction trades apprenticeship programs.
- 3) Support the One PGH initiative, which will ultimately address such critical community needs as affordable housing, clean air and water, and pre-k education.

Councilman Lavelle is quoted as saying, "There were a couple of critical factors pushing me towards this agreement. One, it was imperative that we ensure UPMC Mercy remains open for the foreseeable future as a community hospital and continue its commitment to its Catholic mission of serving the poor and those most of in need. UPMC Mercy must continue to play a pivotal role in providing services to those less fortunate, such as the low-moderate income communities in the surrounding Uptown and Hill District neighborhoods.

However, it is equally important that UPMC Mercy commit to addressing many of the economic and social ills that plague its host and surrounding communities. Tying UPMC Mercy's specific commitments into the goals and objectives of the neighborhood and the Innovation District is an opportunity to truly demonstrate Pittsburgh's ability to grow the economy and improve the quality of life and economic opportunity of existing city residents, especially people of color and those living in impoverished and underserved communities.

This Agreement has the support of the neighborhoods that surround Mercy Hospital. For these reasons, I will be supporting Mercy's Amended Institutional Master Plan and I will ask my Council colleagues to support the Plan as well."

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