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President and Members
Council of the City of Pittsburgh
510 City-County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Upper Hill – Citizen Science Lab (636 Herron Ave.)
Authorization of Disposition Contract
Council District No. 6

Dear President and Members:

Enclosed for your consideration is a proposed Resolution approving execution of a Contract for Disposition by Sale of Land between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh or an Urban Development Authority of Pittsburgh Affiliate and Citizen Science Lab or a related entity for the sale of Block 27-A, Lots 177, 178, 179, 180, 180-A, 181, 182, 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, and 189 in the 5th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

The above lots total approximately 32,470 square feet, with a purchase price of \$127,400 plus costs. Citizens Science Lab launched in 2015 with the goal of providing interactive STEM programming to underserved children in the Hill District and outside the city of Pittsburgh. This project will include five state-of-the-art instructional laboratories and programming to provide hands-on exposure to life science, biomedical, robotics, and biotechnology education for students, teachers, biomedical startups, and adult citizens of Pittsburgh. The URA was approached by Citizens Science Lab for the direct sale of 13 parcels located in the Upper Hill District including the former Martin Luther King Jr. Reading and Cultural Center. On March 10, 2022, The URA board approved to enter exclusive negotiations with Citizen Science Lab for these 13 parcels.

We request that Council consider this Resolution and act upon it favorably. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lisa Meier, at (412) 255-6693.

Sincerely,

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Susheela Nemani-Stanger
Executive Director

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