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

Re: Larimer – Steel City Squash
Authorization of Disposition Contract
Council District No. 9

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 and Steel City Squash, or a related entity, for the sale of Block 124-K, Lots 65, 66, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 78-A, 78-B, 123, 123-A, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 147, and 149, in the 12th Ward of the City of Pittsburgh.

The above lots total approximately 40,655 square feet. The purchase price is \$122,000.00 plus costs. Steel City Squash plans to construct an 18,000 square foot academic and athletic facility for after-school programming for disadvantaged 4th-12th graders in the City of Pittsburgh. The facility will include two state-of-the-art classrooms, men’s and women’s locker rooms, a fitness center, 7 singles squash courts, 1 doubles squash court, a viewing concourse, staff offices and mechanical/storage space. Steel City Squash currently serves 63 Pittsburgh school students in grade 4-12, providing after-school educational and athletic enrichment, community service and travel opportunities. The new facility will enable Steel City Squash to expand to serve 100-120 Pittsburgh school students from low-income communities. Steel City Squash will also provide community access to the facility and offer athletic memberships at income-sensitive membership fee levels. They will also offer strategic programming to local seniors like “silver sneaker” exercise programs and similar offerings.

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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Deputy Executive Director