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Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

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President and Members of City Council
510 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear President and Members of City Council:

By way of this communication, I hereby veto Council Bill #2011-2223.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify certain matters related to the Advisory Commission on Community-Based Organizations process. Since its inception, this advisory group has done an admirable job of making recommendations to the Director of City Planning, and therefore to me, on how to allocate these resources. Most years, these dollars are allocated as per the ACCBO recommendations, though previous administrations have chosen to exercise their authority to make allocations that differed from the ACCBO recommendations.

This year, while maintaining the tiered system that ACCBO utilized when determining where to place each organization based on performance and other factors, adjustments were deemed necessary. Therefore, I opted to exercise my executive discretion and award these dollars in a way that best reflected my priorities. These priorities include rewarding organizations with a strong history of prudent management of ACCBO awards while at the same time recognizing that serious concerns exist with other organizations. Some of these concerns were delineated by the advisory committee in their "ACCBO's 2010 Conditions."

If Council wishes to engage in discussions on the future of ACCBO, I welcome the opportunity, but Resolution Number 496 of 2011 makes the allocation of these scarce resources an executive function.

As such, I hereby submit my veto.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh