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Office of Mayor Luke Ravenstahl

December 20, 2011

Dear President and Members of City Council:

By way of this communication, I hereby veto Council Bill #2011-2204.

As became apparent as this bill made its way through City Council's legislative process, this ordinance will curtail the ability of elected officials to communicate effectively with their constituents. Specifically, as was presented to you during your consideration of this bill, objective data clearly documents the fact that low- to moderate-income households lack access to the Internet to the extent same as do other households.

Further, senior citizens are far more likely to respond to information that is mailed to their homes. If passed into law, this ordinance will inhibit senior citizens and residents in low- to moderate-income communities from the full opportunity to participate in the affairs of local government that affect them most.

It is often the case that regardless of the stated legislative intent unintended consequences often preclude the enactment of legislation which on its face sounds like a reasonable measure. Such is the case with Council Bill #2011-2204 and as such, I hereby submit my veto.

All my best for this holiday season and the year to come.

Sincerely,

Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh

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