

November 1, 2024

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

Dear President and Members of Council:

Enclosed is proposed legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperation Agreement or amendments thereto, with the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh to ensure the City is meeting its equity and workforce goals by:

- Implementing equity contracting program requirements for both job quality and diverse workforce participation standards on construction projects either through our purchasing, development financing, and real estate processes.
- Requiring prevailing wage rates, fringe benefits, and worker protections for workers on those construction projects;
- Requiring apprenticeship utilization on those construction projects to increase the supply of a highly trained, skilled, and diverse workforce;
- Establishing a Regional Oversight Committee that will govern this agreement and its implementation;
- Establishing a Project Advisory Committee for collective strategizing to support implementation of this agreement, as well as problem-solving, resolving challenges, and connecting contractors, community partners, and workers to available resources; and

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of this important legislation.

Yours in service.

Ed Gainey, Mayor City of Pittsburgh Pronouns: He/Him/His