



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**WHEREAS**, 2012 is the twelfth year that **The Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild/CWA 38061** and the **Pittsburgh Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA)** have joined forces to “satirize Pittsburgh for a good cause” with their creation and performance of ***Off The Record***; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven years ago *Post-Gazette* reporter-columnist **Gary Rotstein** and theatre maven **Chris Rawson** joined forces to write and produce this annual musical satire, which benefits various local charities and features a mixed cast of acting professionals and amateurs; and

**WHEREAS**, this riotous event has raised \$300,000 to date for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank in its eleven-year history and also contributes toward the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild/CWA and the Pittsburgh SAG-AFTRA scholarship funds and, this year, to the August Wilson Center; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's performance of ***Off The Record XII***, directed by **Gregory Lehane**, is titled ***Reassess This!*** and, in addition to the acting styles of Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak, features emcee Ken Rice and guest humorists-or “prebuttalists,” as they're given a chance to plead their cases before the curtain opens-County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and longtime NAACP chair and founder of the Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP) Tim Stevens, and will be performed Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Byham Theater downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's performance pays tribute to the work of August Wilson, having used his ten-play “Pittsburgh Cycle” magnum opus as a loose inspiration, utilizing some themes and characters for present-day satiric effect, skewering the county housing reassessments, University of Pittsburgh's season of bomb threats, the misadventures of “too many public officials to mention,” and more.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim Thursday, October 4, 2012, to be ***Off The Record XII Day*** in the City of Pittsburgh.