



# City of Pittsburgh

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## Text File

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**Whereas**, on November 1, 1975, at St. Lawrence O'Toole Roman Catholic Church in Garfield, the Rev. Leo Henry gathered parishioners, business people, and residents of the Bloomfield and Garfield neighborhoods; and **Whereas**, as he observed a community spiraling downward from a decade of physical and economic decline, he felt compelled to do something to address its future; and

**Whereas**, using the sale of \$5 membership "shares," he made each person a stockholder in this new engine for change; and

**Whereas**, over 500 of those shares would be sold in the weeks and months to come, and the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) was officially born in January of 1976; and

**Whereas**, Father Henry also launched the *Bloomfield-Garfield Bulletin*, a community newspaper currently distributed to 20,000 households across the East End to "promote a spirit of community"; and

**Whereas**, on the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization, with the community still steadfastly behind it, the BGC is successfully reversing the neighborhood's decline and continues to fight for the health of the community; and

**Whereas**, BGC succeeds by: creating opportunities for individuals to better their economic or educational standing; attacking problems that undermine the aspirations of residents and business owners, or threatens their well-being; and involving stakeholders in planning and implementing strategies to eliminate blight, attract new investment, and capitalize on the assets and attributes of the community; and

**Whereas**, BGC provides the credibility, dedication and perseverance necessary to make our neighborhoods safe, distinctive and livable places.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby honor the ceaseless efforts of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation; and

**Be it further resolved**, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby declare **Friday, December 2, 2011**, as **Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation Day** in the City of Pittsburgh.