

APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Senator Jay Costa to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2006.

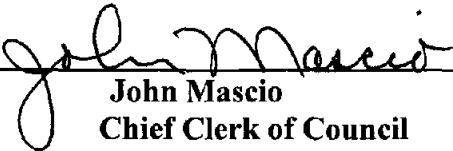
In Council June 1, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:


John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



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April 15, 2004

Honorable Council President and Council Members
Allegheny County Council
119 County Courthouse
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Senator Jay Costa, Jr., whom I am recommending for appointment to the Community College of Allegheny County Board ("CCAC Board").

The mission of CCAC is to make quality education affordable and accessible to the community, to provide leadership in workforce training, and support economic development of the region. Senator Costa will serve the remainder of the term vacated by Dr. Philip Miller. Senator Costa's term will therefore end on January 1, 2006.

Senator Costa has served in the State Senate since 1996 and previously held the positions of Register of Wills and Deputy Sheriff for Allegheny County. Due to his dedication to the people of Allegheny County and Pennsylvania, I believe Senator Costa's contributions to the CCAC Board will be significant.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Senator Costa will make himself available for review before the full Council or the appropriate committee, if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Onorato", written over a horizontal line.

Dan Onorato

cc: Senator Jay Costa, Jr.
Shawn Fox, Office of the Chief Executive of Allegheny County



STATE SENATOR
JAY COSTA, JR.

Serving the 43rd Senatorial District and the people of Pennsylvania

PROFILE

■ BACKGROUND

Elected to Senate, April 23, 1996-Present, 43rd District
 Shareholder, Grogan Graffam P.C., Pittsburgh
 Register of Wills, Allegheny County (1992-96)
 Deputy Sheriff, Allegheny County (1984-89)
 Juris Doctorate, Duquesne University (1989)
 Bachelor of Arts, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1979)
 Allegheny County Police Academy (1985)

■ FAMILY

Jay Costa, Jr. is the son of the late Allegheny County Treasurer Jay Costa, Sr. He is married to the former Roxanne Ross. They have three children, two sons and a daughter. His brother, Paul Costa, is a member of the state House of Representatives.

■ STATE PUBLIC SERVICE

- Jay Costa, Jr. began serving his second full term as state Senator from the 43rd District in January 2001. He was first elected to the Senate in a special election on April 23, 1996 and was sworn in on May 13, 1996. He was reelected on November 7, 2000.
- Senator Costa serves as Democratic Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is a member of the Appropriations, Transportation, Public Health and Welfare and Policy Committees.
- Senator Costa also garnered appointments to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, Pennsylvania Community Bank Operations Committee, Public Employee Retirement Commission, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing and the Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board. He was also a member of the select Senate Committee that investigated the operation and management of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

■ SENATE DISTRICT

43rd District: Pittsburgh Wards 7, 15, 16, 29, 31 and Part of Wards 4, 14, 17; Penn Hills, Wilkins Townships; Baldwin, Braddock Hills, Chalfant, Churchill, Edgewood, Forest Hills, Homestead, Mt. Oliver, Munhall, Swissvale, Verona, West Homestead, West Mifflin and Whitaker Boroughs.

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SENATOR JAY COSTA, JR.

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■ LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Championed the fight for a new law to reduce the inequitable inheritance tax by 25% which resulted in a savings of millions of dollars each year for Pennsylvania families.*
- *Authored a new law that would provide for a life-sentence to those who commit rape or involuntary deviate sexual intercourse when serious bodily injury occurs to victims thirteen years or younger.*
- *Toughened a law that would impose a rigorous 0.02% blood alcohol content for school vehicle drivers and providing for suspension of driving privileges for up to one year if convicted.*
- *Strengthened legislation requiring Internet Service Providers to remove child pornography from their services or face tough criminal sanctions.*
- *Sponsored and promoted a plan to trigger a guaranteed automatic property tax cut when state surplus revenues exceed fiscal benchmarks; an effort which compelled the Governor to propose the \$100 per homeowner state tax rebate in 2001.*
- *Prime sponsor of a law making it a second degree felony to harm or attempt to harm a prosecutor or judicial official in retaliation for actions undertaken in an official capacity.*
- *Led battle to enact tough new law to combat the use of drugs which are commonly involved in cases of "date rape," e.g. Rohypnol.*
- *Recognized the economic imperative of supporting legislation which led to the construction of two new stadiums and an expansion of the David Lawrence Convention Center.*
- *Led legislative effort to overturn anti-employee Superior Court decision in Shick v Shirey to prevent retaliatory firings of at-will employees who file worker's compensation claims.*
- *Prime sponsored new law which enhances reporting requirements for school district financial advisors in order to protect districts from future fraudulent investment activities.*
- *Advocated increase to Pennsylvania State Police complement and emphasized that additional troopers be dedicated to Homeland Security and big truck safety enforcement.*

■ LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- *Prime sponsor and lead advocate of state plan, FAIRx, to expand coverage and reduce prescription drug cost for seniors by leveraging additional rebates from drug manufacturers.*
- *Reform education to emphasize a back-to-basics approach in elementary schools coupled with smaller class sizes and a focus on implementing new state-of-the-art technologies.*
- *Upgrade personal safety and security by enactment of new protections for homeowners from home invasion crimes.*
- *Crafted legislation to increase the grading of all theft offenses and fraudulent or deceptive business practices against businesses and government officials who steal.*
- *Crafted legislation that would provide enhanced penalties to those who are driving under the influence with a minor child in the vehicle.*
- *Improve Pennsylvania's crime data reporting system to ensure that municipalities report crime statistics to the state police which will leverage additional federal funds for local crime fighting activities.*
- *Enact a new law designed to provide a personal tax break for employees whose companies institute guaranteed transportation benefit plans.*
- *Develop a new body of law which recognizes the concept of "price discrimination" as it applies to the sale of consumer products including prescription drugs.*



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RON FRANCIS, JR.
DISTRICT 1

Dear Senator Costa:

JAN REA
DISTRICT 2

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment Review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 4:00 PM, **Thursday, May 20, 2004** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

TOM SHUMAKER
DISTRICT 3

DOUG PRICE
DISTRICT 4

The Councilman requests your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee. He indicated that those of you that were nominated for reappointment should be prepared to answer questions including how long you have served on the board, your biggest accomplishments on that board, and what you envision your future goals to be if reappointed.

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JOAN CLEARY
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CHARLES MARTONI
DISTRICT 8

Those of you that are new nominees should be prepared to answer questions relative to your background and qualifications and what you hope to accomplish if appointed.

C.L. JABBOUR
DISTRICT 9

**WILLIAM RUSSELL
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If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

BRENDA FRAZIER
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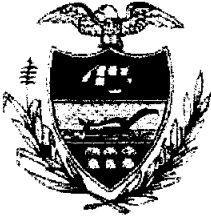
Sincerely,

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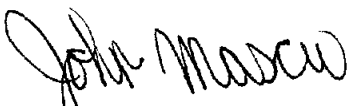
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June 7, 2004

Senator Jay Costa, Jr.
Harrisburg Office
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Costa:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 1, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of Community College of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire January 1, 2006.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Fitzgerald".

Rich Fitzgerald, President
District 11 Representative

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