

Bill No. 2144-05

No. 38-05-RE

## A RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the initiative currently pending before the General Assembly to raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage from its current level of \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15 per hour in January 2006, and again to \$7.15 in January of 2007; and further calling upon the Governor and General Assembly to take steps to foster economic growth in the Commonwealth, including the reduction of the corporate net income tax, elimination of the cap on the net operating loss carry-forward, and the elimination of the capital stock and franchise tax.

**WHEREAS**, the federal minimum wage has not been raised from \$5.15 per hour since 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, an individual earning only \$5.15 per hour can work a 40 hour week and take home only \$10,712 per year, an amount which is only 22% of the median income of all Americans, and which would place that individual two thousand dollars below the poverty level if he or she has only one child; and

**WHEREAS**, for an individual with only one child, at least \$6.17 per hour must be earned in order to reach the Federal Poverty Level, and for an individual with two children this need increases to at least \$7.36 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20,000 workers in Allegheny County currently earn less than \$6.15 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, seventeen states and the District of Columbia have already increased their minimum wage rates in order to provide for the needs of their residents, with new rates set as high as \$7.35; and

**WHEREAS**, states in the mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions have been particularly active in raising their minimum wage rates, with New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota all having set rates that exceed the federally mandated minimum wage; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy economic climate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is absolutely essential for the future economic health of Allegheny County; and

**WHEREAS**, to create jobs at any wage level, Pennsylvania must become an attractive place to start or expand a business; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has already lost 47,000 manufacturing jobs in the past two years, with a disproportionate toll in Allegheny County.

***The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby resolves as follows:***

**SECTION 1.**

County Council hereby expresses its sense that a new minimum wage rate should be set at a level that does not put our businesses at a competitive disadvantage, but that goes as far as possible to help working families break out of poverty. Accordingly, Council expresses its support for the initiative currently pending before the General Assembly to raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage rate from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15 per hour beginning in January 2006, and again to \$7.15 per hour beginning in January 2007.

**SECTION 2.**

This Council further calls on the Governor and General Assembly to take steps to foster economic growth in the Commonwealth, including the reduction of the corporate net income tax, elimination of the cap on the net operating loss carry-forward, and the elimination of the capital stock and franchise tax.

**SECTION 3.**

Copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the General Assembly and the Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 4.**

***If any provision of this Resolution shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Resolution which shall be in full force and effect.***

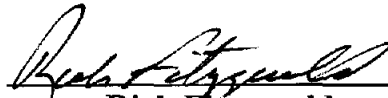
**SECTION 5.**

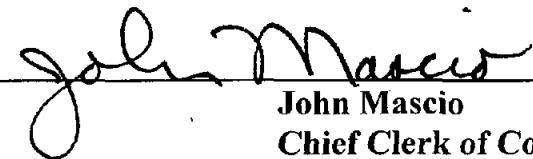
***Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Resolution.***

***SPONSORED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD, COUNCIL MEMBERS  
CLEARY, DEFAZIO, FRAZIER, JABBOUR, MARTONI, NERONE, & ROBINSON***

Enacted in Council, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005

Council Agenda No. 2144-05.

  
Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

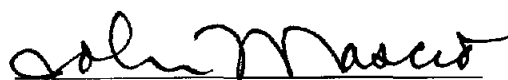
Attest:   
John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office September 27, 2005

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Onorato  
Chief Executive

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Beltz  
Executive's Secretary

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution, duly engrossed and certified, was delivered by me to the Chief Executive for his approval or disapproval and that the Chief Executive failed to approve or disapprove the same, whereupon, it became law without his approval under the provisions of Section 311.07(E) of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County.

  
John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council

**From:** Mascio, John

**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2005 9:51 AM

**To:** 'Governor Ed Rendell'; Gerald J. Lavalley; J. Barry Stout; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jim Ferlo (jferlo@pasenate.com); John Perzel; John Pippy; Robert J. Mellow; Robert Jubelirer; Sean Logan; Wayne Fontana (wfontana@pasenate.com); Anthony DeLuca; Dan Frankel; David Levdansky; Don Walko; Frank Dermody; Frank Pistella; Harry Readshaw; Jake Wheatley; Jeffrey Habay; John Maher; Joseph F. Markosek; Joseph Preston, Jr.; Kenneth Ruffing; Marc Gergely; Mark Mustio; Michael Diven; Mike Turzai; Nick Kotik; Paul Costa; Sean M. Ramaley; 'Thomas C. Petrone'; 'Tom Stevenson'; 'Victor John Lescovitz'

**Subject:** RE: County Council Resolution No. 38-05-RE

Below is correspondence sent to you on September 29, 2005, which forwarded to you a copy of County Council Resolution No. 38-05-RE which supports the initiative currently pending before the General Assembly to raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage from its current level of \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15 per hour in January 2006, and again to \$7.15 in January of 2007. The copy of the Resolution you received inadvertently omitted three additional "Whereas" which were an integral part of an amendment (the addition of Section 2.) made by Council Member Eileen Watt which passed at the meeting of September 20, 2005.

As you will read, the Resolution further calls on the Governor and General Assembly to take steps to foster economic growth in the Commonwealth, including the reduction of the corporate net income tax, elimination of the cap on the net operating loss carry-forward, and the elimination of the capital stock and franchise tax.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

**From:** Mascio, John

**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2005 11:19 AM

**To:** Governor Ed Rendell; Gerald J. Lavalley; J. Barry Stout; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jim Ferlo (jferlo@pasenate.com); John Perzel; John Pippy; Robert J. Mellow; Robert Jubelirer; Sean Logan; Wayne Fontana (wfontana@pasenate.com); Anthony DeLuca; Dan Frankel; David Levdansky; Don Walko; Frank Dermody; Frank Pistella; Harry Readshaw; Jake Wheatley; Jeffrey Habay; John Maher; Joseph F. Markosek; Joseph Preston, Jr.; Kenneth Ruffing; Marc Gergely; Mark Mustio; Michael Diven; Mike Turzai; Nick Kotik; Paul Costa; Sean M. Ramaley; Thomas C. Petrone; Tom Stevenson; Victor John Lescovitz

**Subject:** County Council Resolution No. 38-05-RE

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on September 20, 2005, Council passed Resolution No. 38-05-RE (attached) which supports the initiative currently pending before the General Assembly to raise Pennsylvania's minimum wage from its current level of \$5.15 per hour to \$6.15 per hour in January 2006, and again to \$7.15 in January of 2007.

Voting in favor of the Resolution were Council Members Cleary, DeFazio, Jabbour, Kress, Martoni, Nerone, Robinson, Watt and Fitzgerald. Voting no were Council Members Francis, Frazier, Price and Rea. Council Members Fawcett and Gastgeb were not present for the vote.

The Resolution was returned to me unsigned by the Chief Executive on September 27, 2005.

Your attention to this Resolution is requested.

John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

# Community College

Byers Hall - 808 Ridge Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212



# of Allegheny County

Stewart Sutin, Ph.D.  
President

July 13, 2005

Hon. John Mascio  
Office of County Council  
119 County Courthouse  
436 Grant Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa 15219

Dear Mr. Mascio:

I would like to personally thank you and the members of the Allegheny County Council for the passage of Bill No. 2058-05. We at CCAC are very excited about this legislation, as it would help to elevate CCAC's role as a premier workforce training provider.

We appreciate your recognition of CCAC's training capabilities, and we are thrilled that this legislation would increase awareness among incoming businesses of the college's resources.

This legislation is a great return on the county's generous annual investment in CCAC's mission. We are proud to serve Allegheny County, and to assist the region in attracting new business and industry.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Stewart Sutin".