

Bill No. **5300-09**

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

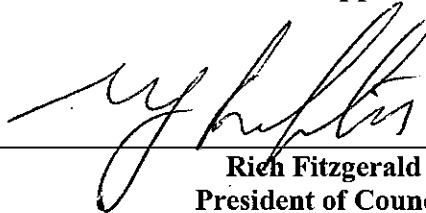
Accepting the communication from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center dated December 15, 2009, regarding UPMC Braddock Hospital.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that Allegheny County Council accepts the communication from University of Pittsburgh Medical Center dated December 15, 2009, (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") and accepts UPMC's commitment to continue to work with the regions elected officials and community economic development groups; donate the facility for a purpose that would advance the community's economic future; secure and appropriately maintain for the immediate future as alternate uses for the building are explored; keep the equipment not directly related to the delivery of the patient care in the facility; and any and all further commitments negotiated by UPMC and Allegheny County.

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In Council December 15th 2009.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 

Allegheny County Council

UPMC

EXHIBIT A

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December 15, 2009

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Dear Councilman Finnerty:

At the last Allegheny County Economic Development and Housing Committee meeting on December 8, 2009 a number of questions were raised regarding the closing of UPMC Braddock. Following are the responses to those questions:

1) *Could we delay the closure of the hospital for 6 to 18 months?*

Since UPMC acquired the Braddock Medical Center in 1996, it has invested more than \$30 million in capital to improve UPMC Braddock. UPMC also launched a number of outreach initiatives to better serve the community. Despite those efforts, UPMC has absorbed nearly \$27 million in operating losses over the past six years. In total, UPMC has invested more than \$60 million in efforts and initiatives at making Braddock thrive, but we have unfortunately not been successful. UPMC can see no circumstance that would provide benefit to the community or UPMC to keep the facility opened past January 31, 2010.

2) *How long of a commitment do we have to maintain utilities and security for the building?*

UPMC continues to work with the regions elected officials and the community economic development groups and is willing to donate the facility for a purpose that would advance the community's economic future. The facility will be secured and appropriately maintained for the immediate future as alternate uses for the building are explored.

3) *What regulatory agencies were we required to notify for the closure?*

A multitude of regulatory agencies were notified on October 16, 2009. Those agencies include the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Divisions of Acute and Ambulatory Care, Nursing Care Facilities, and Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure; Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; Allegheny County, Office of Behavioral Health; and the Office of Pennsylvania Attorney General. We also provided formal notice to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, the Allegheny County Chief Executive and the Mayor of Braddock pursuant to the Pennsylvania Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act. We

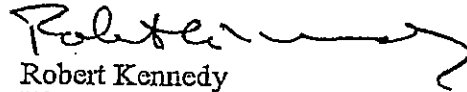
have notified the Medicare and Medicaid programs and the Joint Commission, and we are in the process of notifying the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Emergency Medical Services Institute and other agencies regulating pharmacy, laboratory and radiology services at the hospital, among others.

4) *Would UPMC commit to not removing equipment from the building?*

Equipment not directly related to the delivery of patient care will remain with the facility.

We trust that we have responded to the questions that were raised at last Tuesday's meeting. Please let us know if you require additional or more detailed information.

Sincerely,



Robert Kennedy
Vice President, Government Relations
UPMC