

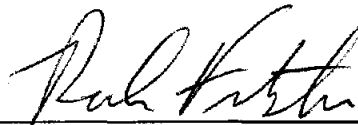
Bill No. 1416-04

APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis to serve as a member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2006.

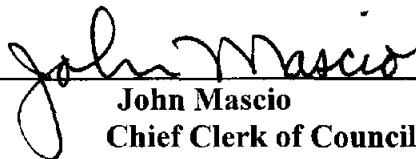
In Council February 17, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



County of Allegheny

DAN ONORATO
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January 20, 2004

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

As a joint authority for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the SEA's mission is to provide venues for sporting, entertainment, educational, cultural, civic, and social events for the benefit of the general public. The SEA currently owns and operates the Civic Arena, leases the Benedum Center to the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and is responsible for the management of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Rev. Dr. Curtis will replace Joseph K. Williams, and the term will expire December 31, 2006.

Rev. Dr. Curtis currently serves as Senior Pastor at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in the East Liberty neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Rev. Dr. Curtis also serves on the Board of the Urban League of Pittsburgh and is a member of the African American Leadership Committee.

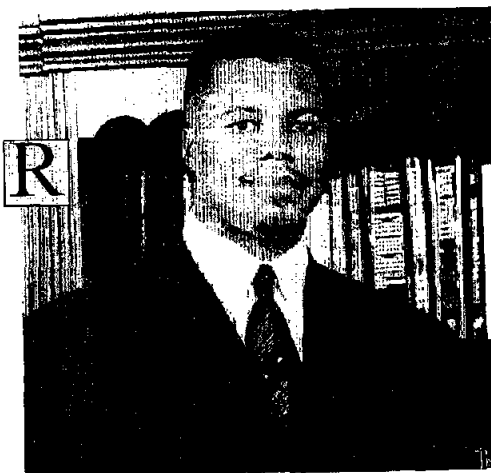
I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Rev. Dr. Curtis will make himself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

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Dan Onorato

CC: Rev. Dr. William H. Curtis



Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis

Reverend Dr. William H. Curtis is the Senior Pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church, located in urban Pittsburgh, PA.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Reverend Curtis accepted the call to ministry at the age of 17. He possesses a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Morgan State University, a Master of Divinity Degree from the Howard University School of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Curtis' commitment to excellence through education is directly attributable to his capabilities, not only as an anointed preacher of the gospel,

but also an effective teacher in practical instruction.

In 1997, Reverend Curtis was called to the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since Dr. Curtis' arrival at Ararat, the church has grown from 400 to over 7100 with four worship services each weekend. His ministry has led to several landmark events at Ararat, including the formation of a Community Development Corporation to minister to the greater Pittsburgh area and the liquidation of the church mortgage in a one-day "Harvest Sunday" offering. He implemented a community tithe program which returns over 10% of the congregation's offering to the community.

Dr. Curtis has emerged as one of the well-known, spirit-filled preachers of our time. His spiritual wisdom and influence has earned him participation in a nation "think-tank" with former President Clinton, inclusion in the book titled "Outstanding Black Sermons, Volume Four," edited by Dr. Walter S. Thomas, and the opportunity to minister in a multiplicity of political and community forums throughout the City of Pittsburgh.

Pastor Curtis serves on the Board of the Urban League of Pittsburgh, is a member of the African American Leadership Committee, serves as the Vice President of Hampton University Ministers' Conference.

In 2001, Dr. Curtis founded William H. Curtis Ministries in an effort to expand his ministry throughout the United States and abroad. Reverend Curtis' spiritual burden to bring lost souls to Christ and encourage spiritual maturation and intimacy with God drives his commitment to spreading the gospel whenever the opportunity presents itself. Pastor Curtis' anointed, powerful, and life applicable preaching exemplifies that well known scripture, "well done, good and faithful servant!"

Reverend Curtis is married to the former Christine Y. Richardson, and they are the proud parents of one lovely daughter, Houston.



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January 29, 2004

William H. Curtis
540 Dixie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Dear Reverend Dr. Curtis:

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 4:30 Wednesday, February 12, 2004 in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

The Councilman requested your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

John Mascio
Chief Clerk
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February 25, 2004

William H. Curtis
540 Dixie Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Dear Reverend Dr. Curtis:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 17, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County for a term to expire December 31, 2006.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald, President
District 11 Representative

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