

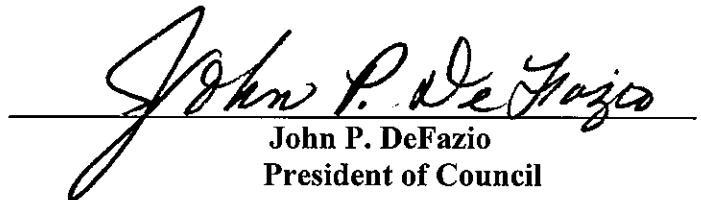
**APPOINTMENT**

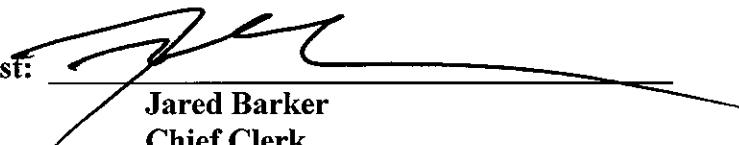
Approving the appointment of DeWitt Walton to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

**SPONSORED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEFAZIO**

In Council February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

**Read and approved by Motion of Council.**

  
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John P. DeFazio  
President of Council

Attest:   
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Jared Barker  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

**DeWitt Walton**  
**District 10 Council Representative**  
**Phone: 412-350-6570**

Born in Mississippi and reared in Gary, IN by activist parents, DeWitt Walton is a 25-year employee of the United Steelworkers (USW) and is currently assigned to the Civil & Human Rights department. He has served as an Organizer, Strategic Campaigner and as an Assistant to the International President. His responsibilities include increasing union membership along with strengthening the historic link between organized labor and the Minority community and he brings a broad range of experiences in community and political mobilization; Dewitt joined the Young Democrats in college and continued to work on social justice and political projects. An alumnus of Idaho State University, in 1971 he joined VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) the domestic equivalent to the Peace Corps.

DeWitt returned to Gary, Indiana in 1976 to work for Inland Steel Co. where he became active in both his local union and community organizations. He served in a number of capacities in his local union including Political Education Director. In 1990, the United Steelworkers union hired DeWitt as an Organizer for the United Steelworkers of America and in 1995 transferred to Pittsburgh where he has worked on and directed projects that have taken him across the United States, and Europe and Africa. Currently DeWitt serves as an Assistant to the International President for the United Steelworkers.

Continuing to practice the principles of building coalitions between Labor, Activist and Community groups, DeWitt served as a National Board member of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), President of the Pittsburgh chapter of ADA. Currently he serves, as Vice President of the Pittsburgh A. Philip Randolph Institute (PAPRI) is a Board member of the Thelma Lovette/Centre Ave YMCA, Three Rivers Waterkeepers and Schenley Heights Development along with A P+ Schools. He continues to be active in the Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. In his USW, APRI and Kappa Alpha Psi roles, he created a partnership with the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh (HACP) that focused on efforts to empower HACP residents and communities economically, educationally, conduct mentoring programs for children of residents and build better information sharing systems for the residents of those facilities. He also serves as Program Director of the Pittsburgh APRI's "Breaking The Chains of Poverty" workforce development program.

DeWitt lives in the Hill District.

District 10 Communities:

- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 3 (Lower Hill District)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 4 (Oakland - Soho)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 5 (Upper Hill District)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 8 (Bloomfield)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 11 (East End Mall, Highland Park Areas)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 12 (East Liberty)
- City of Pittsburgh, Ward 13 (Homewood)
- Forest Hills Borough
- Wilksburg Borough

To: Vacant Property Review Committee

From: John DeFazio, President  
Allegheny County Council

Date: 2-2-16

Subject: Vacant Property Review Committee Appointment

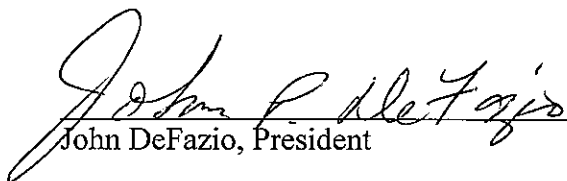
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Currently, Allegheny County operates a multi-municipality Vacant Property Recovery Program. The Program is authorized under the Urban Redevelopment Authority Law of Pennsylvania, Act 94 of 1978, as amended (35 P.S. Section 1712.1). The Program is also locally authorized via Ordinance, per September 23, 1993 Board of County Commissioners Action (#1247-93). The ordinance was amended on July 5, 2000, via Legislative Action (of the County Council) to reflect changes in membership.

Section 1 of the ordinance now requires that the members of Allegheny County's Vacant Property Review Committee shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) One member appointed by the Allegheny County Executive;
- (b) One member of County Council appointed by said body;
- (c) One member of Allegheny County Economic Development's Housing Division, appointed by the Director of ACED;
- (d) One member of Allegheny County Economic Development's Planning Division appointed by the Director of ACED;
- (e) One member appointed by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County Board;
- (f) One member appointed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development; and
- (g) One member appointed by the Allegheny County Health Department, through its Director.

As the President of the Allegheny County Council, I hereby appoint Dewitt Walter as the County Council appointee. The term of appointment is effective immediately and will expire on December 31, 2017.

  
John DeFazio, President

2/2/16  
Date



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APPOINTMENT REVIEW  
MARKETING

February 4, 2016

The Honorable DeWitt Walton  
1605 Webster Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Councilman Walton:

This letter is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 2, 2016 Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Vacant Property Review Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2017.

We congratulate you on your appointment and look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John P. DeFazio  
President of Council

cc: Bob Hurley, Director, Allegheny County Economic Development

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