

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Requesting the County Controller to undertake an assessment of the operations of the Independent County Offices and make recommendations as to economies and efficiencies that can be achieved if operations of various offices were merged and automated. The assessment should also estimate staffing levels and budgets necessary for a more efficient operation.

WHEREAS, the earliest opportunity for amendment of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter will be by referendum at the Municipal Primary Election held in May of 2005; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for that opportunity, proposals for "Row Office Reform" have begun to be introduced that call for the elimination or consolidation of many Independent County Offices; and

WHEREAS, County Council has established a Special Committee on Government Reform to allow an opportunity to investigate and recommend proposals for the full Council's consideration; and

WHEREAS, such investigation needs to include reliable information as to the work and jobs that are being done in the existing offices and where mergers or consolidations may be appropriate or needed; and

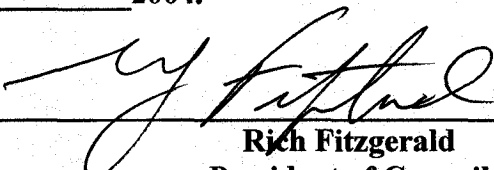
WHEREAS, the County Controller is intimately involved in reviewing the finances of the County and has the staff and expertise to conduct an assessment of the Independent County Offices and make recommendations as to appropriate changes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that the County Controller is requested to undertake an assessment of the operations of the Independent County Offices and make recommendations as to economies and efficiencies that can be achieved if operations of various offices were merged and automated. The assessment should also estimate staffing levels and budgets necessary for a more efficient operation.

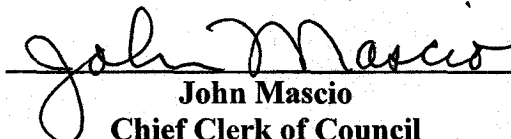
BE IT FURTHER MOVED that, if appropriate, an assessment of the Office of County Controller will be conducted by an independent, third-party in order to insure the impartiality of the analysis and recommendations.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ROBINSON

In Council May 18 2004.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 

John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John

Sent: Friday, May 21, 2004 1:56 PM

To: Flaherty, Mark

Cc: Tumolo, Guy

Dear Controller Flaherty,

At the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 18, 2004, Council approved by an 11-3 margin (Council Members Cleary, Fawcett and Jabbour voting no) the attached Motion sponsored by Council Member Robinson expressing the Sense of Allegheny County Council requesting the County Controller to undertake an assessment of the operations of the Independent County Offices and make recommendations as to economies and efficiencies that can be achieved if operations of various offices were merged and automated. The assessment should also estimate staffing levels and budgets necessary for a more efficient operation.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio
Chief Clerk

5/21/2004