

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Motion to give Council's Chief of Staff the authority to enter into any formal or informal agreement or contract, on behalf of Council, that will facilitate the televising of each regularly scheduled full County Council meeting, including making any provisions for equipment, budgeting, production, public works issues, editing, and viewing access.

WHEREAS, the ability for open and accessible government begins with the County Council bringing government to the citizens of Allegheny County;

WHEREAS, recognizing that every form of government in the United States (Federal, State, City, Local government, and school districts) televise their meetings as a service to the taxpayers;

WHEREAS, as elected officials an obligation exists to vigorously explore and implement a system of televising regularly scheduled full Council meetings as a benefit and extension of public service;

WHEREAS, the new home rule government should look for opportunities and avenues to conduct its business in an environment that promotes interaction, agreement, and scrutiny as to offer a difference from the past ways of Allegheny County Government; and

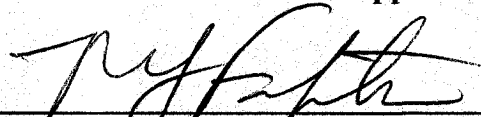
WHEREAS, a bipartisan effort and spirit should exist among members to vigorously pursue all options in the process of this issue with the citizens of Allegheny County as the benefactors.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, That the Council of Allegheny County does hereby give Council's Chief of Staff authority to enter into any formal or informal agreement or contract, on behalf of Council, that will facilitate the televising of, as expressed in local interest, each regularly scheduled full County Council meeting, including making any provisions for equipment, budgeting, production, public works issue, editing, and viewing access.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS GASTGEB AND FITZGERALD

In Council February 17, 2004.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council