

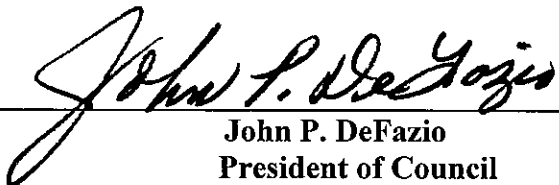
**APPOINTMENT**

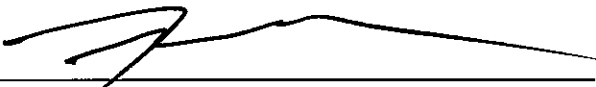
Approving the reappointment of John L. Tague to serve as a member of the Port Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on September 17, 2019.

**SPONSORED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE FITZGERALD**

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

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RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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January 14, 2016

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

Dear Members of Council:

Please find the attached resume of John L. Tague, whom I am recommending for reappointment to the Allegheny County Port Authority pursuant to Pennsylvania Act 72 of 2013.

The general purpose of the Port Authority is to operate an integrated transportation system for the purpose of moving large numbers of people safely, efficiently and economically. Today, Port Authority provides about 70 million rides annually and operates a fleet of 1,000 buses, 83 light rail vehicles and two inclined planes while also offering ACCESS paratransit service. I am recommending Mr. Tague serve a 4-year term, which will expire on September 17, 2019. He was originally recommended by the Committee for Accessible Transportation.

Mr. Tague has been a disabilities advocate in the Pittsburgh region for a number of years. He is currently the Principal of JT Consulting Services, which assists employers and community organizations by developing disability policies that are designed to improve outcomes for people with disabilities.

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

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald  
Allegheny County Executive

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**Objective:** Through systems change ensure the right of all people with disabilities to live independently in their community.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**1970 - 1976**

**Glass Containers Corporation (No Longer in Business)**

50 McMurray Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241

**Title:** Sales Service Representative

**Duties:** Provided sales support and service to existing glass container customers. In addition, I made arrangements for shipping of glass products to customers.

**1976 – 1983**

**Penn Group Health Plan (now Health America)**

5 Gateway Center  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**Title:** Marketing Representative

**Duties:** Marketed a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) to employers, primarily in Allegheny County. An HMO is a prepaid employee health care plan which provides health insurance benefits and access to medical services, a precursor to managed care.

**1983 – 1986**

**Title:** Self Employed Employee Benefits Consultant

**Duties:** I assisted local companies in locating cost effective health care benefits packages for their employees. Most of my work was centered on benefit analysis comparing health plans and making recommendations on which plans were most cost effective. In addition, I provided marketing support to several urgent care centers.

**1986-1990**

**Tygart Steel**

1 Douglas Street  
McKeesport, PA 15134

**Title:** Sales Representative

**Duties:** I was responsible for selling low cost secondary steel products to elevator and lift equipment manufacturers, as well as selling refuse compactors produced by another division.

**2005 – 2012**

**UCP/CLASS**

4638 Centre Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
Voice 412-683-7100  
Fax 412-683-4160

**Title:** Public Policy Advisor

**Duties:** Contracted by to UCP/CLASS to provide advice on public policy strategies to improve access to support services which made it possible for people with disabilities to live independently.

## **2012 - Present**

### **JT Consulting Services**

P.O Box 22395  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-0395  
Voice 412-952-5402  
Fax 1-866-728-4211

**Title:** Principal

**Duties:** As a consultant, assist employers and community organizations by developing disability policies designed to improve outcomes for individuals with disabilities. In addition, develop training program for employers and employee, as well as, provide expert testimony on behalf of the organization.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

### **1976 - 1983**

**Organization:** Pittsburgh Jaycees

#### **About the Jaycees**

The Jaycees promote leadership development through community service. The Jaycees believe that service to humanity is the best work of life.

**Positions Held:** Executive Vice-President and Vice-President

### **1976 – 1883**

**Organization:** Toastmasters International- Pittsburgh--South Hills Club # 847

#### **About Toastmasters**

Through its' member clubs, people throughout the world can improve their communication and leadership skills, and find the courage to change.

**Positions Held:** President and Vice-President of Education

**1990 - 2004**

**Organization:** Pittsburgh International Children's Theater

**About Children's Theater**

The Pittsburgh International Children's Theater sponsors, presents, promotes and premieres international, national and regional performing arts and visual arts programming of professional quality, for the cultural enrichment and education of children and families.

**Positions Held:** Director, Volunteer Services

**Duties:** I was responsible for recruiting, training and organizing over 500 volunteers each year for the Pittsburgh Children's Festival, which is sponsored by the International Children's Theater

**1998 – 2005**

**Organization:** Open Doors for the Handicapped

ODH is an advocacy organization created to advocate for accessibility for people with disability, including physical and program accessibility. ODH began advocating for the rights of people with disabilities prior to most laws protecting their rights.

**Positions Held:** State Treasurer and President of the Mon-Valley Chapter

**Duties:** As Treasurer, I was responsible for managing the ODH State finances, including dues collections and paying bills. As President of the Mon-Yough Chapter, I was responsible for organizing and running our chapter meeting

**1999 - 2005**

**Organization:** Allegheny County Transit Council

**About the Transit Council**

Allegheny County Transit Council is a volunteer organization established in 1984. Its members are frequent transit users. Council communicates questions and concerns of passengers to staff of Port Authority. In addition, Council makes budget and policy recommendations to the Port Authority.

**Positions Held:** President

**1999 – Present**

**Organization:** Pennsylvania Transportation Alliance

**About the Transportation Alliance**

The Alliance develops and supports local efforts to improve transportation services for people with disabilities throughout the state, and to coordinate local efforts with state initiatives and opportunities opened up by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Alliance was the driving force behind the development and expansion of the Shared Ride Program for people with disabilities.

**Positions Held:** Treasurer

**1999 – Present**

**Organization:** Committee for Accessible Transportation (CAT)

**About the CAT**

The Committee advises the Port Authority of Allegheny County and the Access Transportation System on how to improve area transportation for people with disabilities.

**Positions Held:** Member of the Steering Committee

**2000 - 2011**

**Organization:** Community Living Advisory Committee (CLAC) Harrisburg, PA

**About the CLAC**

The Community Living Advisory Committee (CLAC) advises the Pennsylvania Secretary of Public Welfare and the Office of Long Term Living on Home and Community Based Services, primarily affecting the lives of people with physical disabilities.

**Positions Held:** Chair

**2001 – 2007**

**Organization:** Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC), Harrisburg, PA.

**About the SILC**

The Pennsylvania Statewide Independent Living Council (PASILC) is a governor appointed council which advises the governor and his/her administration on issues that affect the lives of people with disabilities.

**Positions Held:** Chair

**2007- 2012**

**Organization: Governor's Advisory Committee for people with Disabilities**

**About the Governor's Advisory Committee**

Appointed by the Governor, the Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities advises and makes recommendations to the Governor's cabinet, serves as a liaison between state government and stakeholder groups.

**Positions Held:** Chair

**2000 – Present**

**Organization:** Consumer Health Coalition (CHC) Pittsburgh, PA

**About Consumer Health Coalition**

The Consumer Health Coalition promotes health policy and system change that improve the health and health care of at risk people, including individuals with disabilities and those without health insurance.

**Positions Held:** Vice-President

**Current:** Board Advisor

**2002 - Present**

**Organization:** City of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Taskforce on Disabilities



## **About the City/County Taskforce on Disabilities**

The City of Pittsburgh/Allegheny County Task Force on Disabilities advises the Mayor and County Executive on City and County policies and practices that affect the lives of persons with disabilities. Members are appointed by the Mayor and County Executive.

**Positions Held:** Chair,  
**Current:** Treasurer

## **2007- Present**

**Organization:** State Vocational Rehabilitation Board

## **About the State Vocational Rehabilitation**

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation assists Pennsylvanians with disabilities in securing and maintaining employment and independence. The State Board sets policy for the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Members are appointed by the Governor.

**Positions Held:** Board Member

## **2007- Present**

**Organization:** Action Housing Board

## **About Action Housing**

ACTION-Housing's mission is to empower people to build more secure and self-sufficient lives through the provision of decent, affordable housing, essential supportive services, asset building programs and educational and employment opportunities. The agency focuses all of its efforts on the most vulnerable populations in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. These populations include: homeless families and individuals; women and children in crisis situations; persons with mental and physical disabilities; elderly individuals on limited-incomes; unemployed and underemployed individuals; public housing residents; and other low and moderate-income families.

**Positions Held:** Board Member

## **2009 – Present**

**Organization:** Allegheny LINK - Aging and Disability Resource Center

### **About the Link**

The Allegheny Link is a program in Allegheny County funded by the Pennsylvania State Office of Long Term Living. The mission of the Allegheny Link is to simplify and streamline access to long-term living services and supports and provide assistance to consumers who are seeking services and making long-term living decisions. This is a collaborative effort among local agencies, organizations and individual consumers.

**Positions Held:** Chair of the Advisory Committee

## **2012 – Present**

**Organization:** Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations

### **About the Commission**

The Commission on Human Relations studies and investigates complaints of alleged discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and civil rights practices involving City employees and any conditions having an adverse effect on intergroup relations in the city.

**Positions Held:** Commissioner

## **2012 – Present**

**Organization:** Port Authority of Allegheny County

### **About the Port Authority**

Port Authority of Allegheny County provides public transportation services throughout Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The Authority's 2,400 employees operate, maintain and support bus, light rail, incline and paratransit services for nearly 230,000 daily riders.

Port Authority is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors – unpaid volunteers who are appointed by the Allegheny County Executive and approved by the Allegheny County Council. Port Authority is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors – unpaid volunteers who are appointed by the Allegheny County Executive and approved by the Allegheny County Council.

**Positions Held:** Member Board of Directors

Secretary

Chair, Planning and Stakeholders Relations Committee

**Additional Activities of Significance**

**2000** Appointed by Jim Roddey and Linda Dickerson to serve on the Health Committee for Disability Agenda 2000.

**2004** Appointed by County Executive Dan Onorato to serve as a member of his Human Services Transition Team.

**2005** Appointed by former County Executive Dan Onorato to serve on the Health Care Summit Committee.

Health Care Summit Committee was charged with making recommendations to the County Executive on the future of the Kane Regional Nursing Facilities. As a result of the Committee's work an Action Plan was developed for the four the Kane Regional Nursing Facilities.

**2011** Appointed by Governor Rendell to serve on the Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee

The Committee was charged with making recommendations for implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Pennsylvania. The Advisory Committee is comprised of 47 members including consumers, small businesses, advocacy organizations, health care providers, health plans, hospitals, members of the Legislature and the Executive Branch.

**2012** Appointed by the City of Pittsburgh Planning Department to serve on the Management Committee of MovePgh, the transportation component of PlanPgh, Pittsburgh's Comprehensive Plan

**2012** Appointed by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald to serve on his Transportation Vision Team.

**Education:** Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA. 1965 to 1969

**Degree:** B.S. Education 1969

**Major Recognitions:**

Pittsburgh Jaycee of the Year  
JC Penny Golden Rule Award  
Three Rivers Center for Independent Living, Advocate of the Year  
PA Statewide Independent Living Council, Hall of Fame

**References:** Furnished upon request.



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February 5, 2016

Mr. John L. Tague, Jr.  
4261 Frank Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Dear Mr. Tague:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 2, 2016 Council approved your reappointment to serve as a member of the Port Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on September 17, 2019.

Congratulations on your reappointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward J. Kress".

Edward J. Kress, Appointment Review Committee Chair  
Allegheny County Council

cc: Ellen M. McLean, Chief Executive Officer, Port Authority of Allegheny County

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