

Bill No 2960-06

## APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson to serve as a Member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

In Council January 23, 2007.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

Rich Fitzgerald  
Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

Attest: John Mascio  
John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council



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December 14, 2006

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

This Council was established by the County to monitor, evaluate and comment on all plans, programs, hearings and community actions which affect older citizens and represent their interests to public officials and public and private agencies. I am recommending that Rev. Robinson serve a three year term, ending on December 31, 2009.

Rev. Robinson received his BA from the University of Pittsburgh, his M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary, and his D.Min. from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He was pastor of Bidwell Presbyterian Church for 35 years. In 1972, Rev. Johnson and his wife created the Bidwell Education, Music and Recreation Center, now the Manchester Youth Development Center.

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

Sincerely,

Dan Onorato

CC: Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson

## **Biography of the Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson**

**One of the all-time greatest high school football players in Pennsylvania, Jimmy Joe Robinson, a graduate of Connellsville High School, was the first African American football player at the University of Pittsburgh and a game-breaking running back in the mid—1940s**

**Jim received a BA from the university of Pittsburgh, MDiv from Western Theological Seminary, a DMin from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He was pastor of Bidwell Presbyterian Church for 35 years.**

**Jim was one of 20 Urban Pastors selected from the Black studies Program at Colgate Rochester who toured 8 African Countries, Jamica, & Haiti. The Goal of the program was for each Master Fellow to write from their personal experience in the communities & Church's from which they served. A Doctor's Degree was awarded each Pastor & their thesis was held for students self-study, in Colgate's Library. Some theses went to other Theological Seminaries across the Country.**

**The Title of Jim's Thesis was "Bidwell Church a ministry to street people in the Black Community."**

**Jim is married to Betty Hord Robinson an educator for 50 years. They have one son—James jr.—3 granddaughters—Kimberly—Jaime--& Erin Robinson. Betty was a teacher and supervisor in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. She also served as a supervisor of the primary Education Project, a cooperative program of the Pittsburgh Public Schools and Pitt's Learning Research and Development Center.**

**Together, Betty and Jim created in 1972, the Bidwell Education, Music and Recreation Center, now the Manchester Youth Development Center, where they touched the lives of thousands of children.**

**Through the years Jim has responded to the needs of the Manchester community. MYDC has evolved to include the following programs:**

### **Training Wheels**

**This preschool program is a private, multi-cultural nursery school and center for children from preschool to pre-kindergarten. It accepts children 2 ½ to 5 years old. Training Wheels is licensed by the Commonwealth of**

Pennsylvania and has been granted licensing by the U.S. Department of Education.

**M.A.C.S.**

**Manchester Academic Charter School** is a community-based school located on the North Side of Pittsburgh that serves children in grades K—8

**After School & summer Program**

The After School & Summer Program offers a research-based curriculum in math, reading, and science. It features a state of the art computer lab and offers a varied of groups and clubs, including a new robotics building program in cooperation with Sara Heinz House & Carnegie Mellon University.

MYDC's 50 plus employees have established deep roots in Manchester and have maintained close ties to the center: 63 percent are community residents, 22 percent are former students at the center, and 46 percent are parents of present and former students.

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January 2, 2007

Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson  
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Dear Rev. Robinson:

This is to inform you that an Appointment Review Committee Meeting has been scheduled for **4:00 PM, Wednesday, January 10, 2007** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence has been requested to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Mascio".

John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

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January 29, 2007

Rev. Dr. James J. Robinson  
1400 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Dear Rev. Robinson:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 23, 2007, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Congratulations on your appointment 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 "John Mascio".

John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
Allegheny County Council

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