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DAN ONORATO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

November 6, 2009

The Honorable President & Members
Allegheny County Council
119 Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

I hereby return, with my veto, Council Bill 5154-09. I have vetoed this legislation because it conflicts with several provisions of the Allegheny County Home Rule Charter.

Specifically, this legislation was amended in a way that has caused the final bill to conflict with Article IV, Section 5, Subsection C of the Charter. The ordinance, as amended, now contains two subjects, namely the sale of County-owned real property and also the establishment of a special account wholly unrelated to the sale of that property. In addition, the establishment of the fund is not clearly expressed in the title of the proposed Ordinance, which also violates this section of the Charter.

Further, this Ordinance, as amended, violates Article VII, Section 7 of the Charter, in that it has amended the County's 2009 Operating Budget. This legislation, as proposed by Council, directs a deposit of funds immediately without a corresponding revenue increase. This action has caused the Ordinance to violate Article VII, Section 7, Subsection C of the Charter, which requires any operating budget amendment to result in a balanced budget.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Council Bill 5154-09.

Sincerely,

Dan Onorato
Allegheny County Executive

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cc: Mr. James M. Flynn Jr., County Manager
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