

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Motion encouraging the Hilton Hotel to reconsider its decision and plans to utilize out-of-state contractors and non-union labor in its renovation plans.

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is home to thousands of hard working men and women trained in any one of more than 20 different building trades, including electricians, carpenters, ironworkers, laborers, steamfitters, plumbers and others; and

WHEREAS, many of these highly skilled professionals receive their training through local apprenticeship schools funded and/or sponsored by organized labor; and

WHEREAS, the ability of these training centers to continue to educate young men and women of the County and to provide productive and rewarding careers for them depends on support from local businesses and organizations, which recognize the value that their skills can bring to any construction project; and

WHEREAS, Allegheny County is also home to thousands of professional contractors who are highly capable of performing any type of construction services efficiently and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Hilton Hotel is in the process of conducting a multimillion dollar renovation project to its hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, to perform this renovation, the Hilton Hotel is electing to utilize non-local contractors who are not supportive of local organized labor and who do not recognize its importance to this community; and

WHEREAS, the members of Allegheny County Council wish to show their support for local contractors and local organized labor, and, in particular, for the building trades industry and its importance to the health and economic well being of this region;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED that the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby strongly encourages the Hilton Hotel to reconsider its decision to utilize out-of-state contractors and non-union labor in its renovation plans so that the building trades can continue to play a vital role in the health and well-being of the County, and because the existing renovation plans will have negative economic effects on the County insofar as they disregard the quality training and work product of local organized labor.

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER BURN

CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD, COUNCIL MEMBERS CALDWELL, DEFAZIO, MACEY, LESTITIAN, AND FINNERTY

In Council April 17, 2007.

Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:



John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council