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Body...

WHEREAS, for forty years, **THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc. (THE PROGRAM)** has been a valued partner of Allegheny County, developing innovative programs and facilities at the County’s request to solve the pressing problems of overcrowding and service delivery in the local criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, **THE PROGRAM** operates two residential alternatives to incarceration serving offenders from the Allegheny County Jail, as well as the Western District of Pennsylvania Federal Probation and Pre-Trial Services; and

WHEREAS, The Program Center (TPC) is a 42 bed facility that houses non-violent female offenders. The Allegheny County Treatment Alternative (ACTA) is a 50 bed facility that houses non-violent male offenders. The TPC and ACTA sites are located along Fifth Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2016, **THE PROGRAM** will open the doors to a new facility on 7th Avenue in West Homestead, Pennsylvania, formerly the Keystone Plumbing Sales Company site. The 230 bed facility will ultimately provide reentry services to all non-violent incarcerated women in the Allegheny County Jail, affording them a second chance at a crime and drug-free life, and their children a first chance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Council does hereby congratulate **THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc.** upon the opening of its newest facility in West Homestead, and we thank **THE PROGRAM** for providing exceptional social, economic, and public safety benefits to our community.