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City and County executive, legislative and administrative offices:

I. Privacy, openness, and accountability: What have you done in the past to support "sunlight" laws or encourage public access to information, deliberation, and decision-making? (and/or) What existing or new ideas do you support, going forward, to encourage informed public participation? How have you / how would you protect the information of private individuals, that might otherwise be inappropriately disclosed by the push for greater public openness? From first responders (police, fire, EMT) through higher level administrative positions, what practical steps do you support to encourage professionalism and accountability?

I was part of the coalition that created comprehensive campaign finance reform for Pittsburgh, which significantly improved the openness of campaigns in Pittsburgh. I also worked to create safe centers for victims to report hate crimes safely. I also was part of the coalition in 2009 that created a comprehensive privacy policy related to video cameras across the city.

II. Several public-private partnerships have been set up in areas such as the Schenley plaza and riverside locations on the Northside. While this pseudo-public space is lovely for recreation, it is also considered private for purposes of assembly, rallies, protests, or informational / not-for-profit leafleting--effectively, off-limits, even including the adjacent city sidewalks. Moving forward, how can the city and county prevent or remedy the significant de-facto privatization of public space, without, at the same time, countenancing harassment?

Public-private partnerships have brought important resources to public spaces that would not have been possible with public funds alone, and restrictions set up have been commensurate with the need to protect these assets. There is sufficient open space in the city to accommodate all variety of assemblies, rallies, protests, parades, and other gatherings, and as Councilman I will not countenance any serious threat to that capacity.

III. What sorts of jobs best anchor and sustain a community? What role, if any, should your office play in encouraging / not hindering certain types of job development?

Everything I have done is ultimately related to jobs, from the Pittsburgh Promise, which attracts, keeps and creates a skilled labor force, to improved processes for permitting for development so businesses can locate here, to developing transportation plans so people can easily get from home, to work, to play. Neighborhood redevelopment,

the Allegheny River Greenway, protection for our air and water, bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, investment in our business districts: all of the things I have worked so hard on draw jobs and the workers who need them. City government should not be in the business of telling people what kinds of businesses to be in: all job development consistent with public health and quality of life should be supported.

IV. What sorts of development, redevelopment, or blight-fighting programs best anchors and sustains a community? What could you do, within the bounds of your office, to suggest, encourage, implement or support specific responses to (e.g.) abandoned or decrepit housing, declining schools, and/or other problems that typify a community in decline?

Public education is both the center of our community and the articulation of our values, and I am very proud of the work I accomplished as a member of the Board of Education for four years. Far from declining, our public schools have made tremendous positive steps thanks to the hard work my colleagues and I put in, and the hard work that has been done since my election to city council. Similarly, since being elected to council, I have worked as a PWSA board member to invest over \$100 million in our water infrastructure, I have worked with community groups to find new uses for public assets, I worked to establish the Allegheny Valley Greenway and to put in place bicycle and pedestrian initiatives far ahead of any comparable city. When I look at the district I represent, from Polish Hill, to Lawrenceville, to Bloomfield, to Stanton Heights, to Morningside, to Highland Park, to East Liberty, I don't see evidence of communities in decline. Thanks to the hard work of many of our neighbors, I see the exact opposite.

V. The 800 lb gorillas: Health care is a statewide / national level issue. So is ecological policy. However, benefits, funding, permitting and potentially funding of clinics are city and county issues (within the bounds set by Act 47). Similarly, both the city and county have some say in determining the appropriateness and location of coal and gas extraction / processing / waste product storage, from the standpoint of risks to public health and to infrastructure. In both cases, very large local employers have vested interests that may not be in line with the best interests of the citizenry. What, realistically, do you hope to do to further the best interests of the citizenry, and/or reduce the risk of inappropriate corporate influence?

I introduced the first legislation to address the dangers, both to our environment and to public health, of Marcellus Shale drilling in the City of Pittsburgh. I still believe that this legislation is the only alternative that can realistically and effectively protect us given the realities of state law. As a member of the PWSA board, I have been a leading voice for protecting the Allegheny River from both Marcellus-related and other pollutants, and I am proud that we are now testing water quality not only in the city, but all the way up the river. In this way, we will not only be able to protect city residents more effectively, but also protect the entire watershed.