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**PCRG statement on Pittsburgh City Council's passage of the 2024 operating and capital budgets**

Since Mayor Gainey released his preliminary budget back in September, we worked closely with our members, the Gainey administration, and City Council representatives to advocate for investments to help lift neighborhoods. That includes areas like hiring additional staff within city departments to better serve residents, increasing funding for critical programming like the Neighborhood Economic Development (NED), and allocating funds for a first of its kind city-wide comprehensive plan.

The budgets Pittsburgh City Council passed today accomplish those goals. Moreover, they reflect the administration's commitment to investing in our infrastructure – whether it be roads, bridges, land slide remediation, traffic calming or sidewalks.

The funded efforts are important to maintaining a quality of life and safety in our communities.

While we recognize Mayor Gainey and City Council's continued support for affordable housing initiatives, like the Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF), we plan on continuing to advocate the increase of coordination and efficiency in affordable housing development and home ownership in the City of Pittsburgh moving forward.

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