

Dear Penn Plaza Supporters

The Penn Plaza Support and Action Coalition (PPSA) has successfully petitioned Pittsburgh City Council for a special Public Hearing on May 5, 2021 at 1:30PM. We are asking City Council to acknowledge that 7,000- African-Americans, close to 9% of African-American population, left the City in a four year period between 2014-2018. We are asking that the City identify each person, and to determine why they left. If, as we suspect, many have left due to lack of affordable housing, than we are asking the City to implement new policies that will stem the tide of mass displacement in the City of Pittsburgh.

We at Penn Plaza Support and Action Coalition believe that this City can grow its population, but we believe it must start with former residents who desired to live in Pittsburgh, yet could not afford it. We are calling on the City to adopt a "Right to Return" philosophy and follow up with "Right to Return" policies.

Finally, we must ask return to what?

PPSA will also call on the Mayor and City Council to target the 355 million in Covid Relief Dollars, soon coming to Pittsburgh, towards the creation of thousands of affordable homes in the historically Black neighborhoods of Homewood and The Hill District.

We are asking our supporters and allies to sign up to speak at this hearing.

Thank you in advance.

Penn Plaza Matters! Penn Plaza Lives!

TO REGISTER:

All citizens, including the Petitioner, wanting to testify must register to speak with the City Clerk's

Office by filling in the sign-up form on pittsburghpa.gov/clerk/council-meetings webpage.

Citizens may also register by calling 412-255-2138 no later than 11:30 AM on May 5, 2021.

Once

registered, speakers will receive the credentials to login to the hearing. Speakers are limited to

three minutes.

