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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDING FOR CARNEGIE LIBRARY

December 1, 2009, *Pittsburgh*...City Council today unanimously approved City Council President Doug Shields' legislation to provide \$600,000 to the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system. Library officials met last week with city, Allegheny County and state officials to discuss this year's \$600,000 transfer as well as a possible allocation of the same amount next year

The library's Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on December 14, 2009. It is anticipated that library leaders will recommend that that trustees postpone the planned closings of four branches and the merger of two others and also identify a sustainable funding stream for the future

"I am gratified by my colleagues' support for this critical legislation and also want to thank State Senator Jay Costa and State Representative Chelsa Wagner for their diligent efforts and invaluable guidance on this matter," said Shields. "I am aware that this is a temporary resolution but with time on our side, we can all work together to find a long-term answer that provides a recurring revenue stream and serves the interests of all citizens."