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PUMP's Emerging Public Policy Agenda Shapes May 4 Mayoral Candidate Forum
Agenda to focus on equitable opportunities, access

Pittsburgh (May 2017) -- The Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP), the region's largest organization dedicated to the needs and issues of young people in Pittsburgh, will be offering a preview of its first public policy advocacy platform at the May 4 Pittsburgh mayoral candidate forum. The forum, to which all declared mayoral candidates have been invited, will also focus on the issues and policies most important to young people in Pittsburgh and will share preliminary policy positions of PUMP's emerging advocacy agenda to be presented this summer.

The forum will be held at Rodef Shalom Congregation (4905 Fifth Avenue, Oakland) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is being hosted by PUMP, Urban League Young Professionals, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, WESA / WYEP Generation Listen, and the Pittsburgh Spot.

"Since PUMP's inception, we have a history of influential policy positions," said Brian Magee, the CEO of PUMP. "We have a network of more than 25,000 people under the age of 40 who want to see a more inclusive and equitable Pittsburgh for future generations. Our advocacy agenda has been a deliberative and community-driven process that aligns with our mission and values."

A civic engagement fair will immediately follow from 8:30 to 10 p.m., including the forum organizers and the following organizations: Carlow University's College for Leadership and Social Change, Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics, Coro Pittsburgh, Fair Districts PA, Leadership Pittsburgh, League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Cares, Public Allies Pittsburgh, PULSE, Repair the World, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Young Democrats of Allegheny County, and Young Republicans of Allegheny County.

Starting in 2016, the organization launched a grassroots process involving its board, staff, members, and key stakeholders to identify and articulate a community-driven advocacy and public policy agenda for the organization and region.

PUMP's advocacy and public policy agenda will include four broad categories: a vibrant, diverse, connected region; equitable opportunities for success; equitable access to health and wellness; and active, engaged citizens.

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