



## **Request for Media Coverage**

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### **Mayor Ravenstahl, Candidates for City Controller and City Council, District 9 to Participate in Candidates Forum**

(Pittsburgh, PA – April 2, 2007) On Wednesday, April 11, 2007, Mayor Ravenstahl, along with candidates for City Controller and City Council, District 9 will address voters at the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania's Candidates Forum. The forum will be held from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Manchester Bidwell Corporation – Main Auditorium on the North Side, and it is open to the public. All candidates for City Controller have confirmed their participation. Of the District 9 candidates, Councilwoman Twanda Carlisle, Rev. Ricky Burgess, Leah Kirkland, Eric Smith and Judith Ginyard have been confirmed. The forum will be broadcast On Demand to COMCAST subscribers the next day.

The Candidates Forum will be held in three segments: First, Mayor Ravenstahl will share his plans for the city and respond to questions from the audience. Then, candidates for City Controller will make brief presentations before responding to questions, followed by the candidates for City Council, District 9.

Rod Doss, Editor & Publisher of The New Pittsburgh Courier, and Tonia Caruso, COMCAST Anchor, will moderate the forum.

"This important political platform will allow members to hear candidates' views on issues that are central to the African American and small business communities, focusing on the candidates' specific involvement in helping to support minority business development and what they intend to do, if elected, to advance minority procurement," stated President & CEO, Doris Carson Williams.