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**Allegheny County Chief Executive Richard Fitzgerald to speak at
PowerBreakfast Meeting March 16, 2012
Hosted by the
African American Chamber of Commerce
of Western Pennsylvania**

(Pittsburgh, PA – March 12, 2012) – The Honorable Richard Fitzgerald, Allegheny County's newly elected Chief Executive is scheduled to speak during the African American Chamber of Commerce PowerBreakfast Meeting on Friday, March 16th. Fitzgerald is expected to discuss his plans for Allegheny County.

Fitzgerald oversees \$785 million in annual spending for multiple county departments, including: Economic Development; Human Services; Emergency Services; Health; and Elections. He is also highly influential in several major boards and authorities, appointing the board members of the following organizations; Community College of Allegheny; the Regional Asset District Board; the Sports & Exhibition Authority; the Airport Authority; and the Board of Health.

Having served as a member of County Council for nearly a decade, Fitzgerald also brings substantial private sector leadership experience to the office. After earning a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1981, Fitzgerald briefly worked for NALCO, a leading provider of water treatment solutions, before forming his own small business focused on improving the operations of boiler systems. Three decades later, Fitzgerald had grown that business to include more than 700 customers.

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.

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