



## PCRG Statement on Pittsburgh Land Bank Legislation

We appreciate Mayor Gainey and city council members' leadership in finally moving forward to complete the [taxing body agreements](#) that will allow the Pittsburgh Land Bank to reach its potential.

After years of PCRG and member groups' [advocacy to the land bank's board, city council, and the taxing bodies](#) — Pittsburgh Public Schools, Allegheny County and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority — we're thrilled the mayor has prioritized cementing the agreement process, which will make the transfer and recycling of vacant land and properties much swifter.

"While there has been some momentum with the land bank over the last 16 months, specifically with the Pennsylvania legislature's passage of the Municipal Claims and Tax Liability Law amendment, and the inter-cooperative agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the URA, we will never have a fully functioning land bank without a taxing body agreement," PCRG Policy Director Chris Rosselot said. "The taxing bodies must pass these agreements so land bank properties can be developed or repurposed and put back on the tax rolls."

In addition, the mayor submitted nominees for the Pittsburgh Land Bank Board — Tammy Thompson, Tamara Dudukovich, and Kirk Burkley — as well as legislation for the body to include representatives from Pittsburgh Public Schools and Allegheny County.

"PCRG looks forward to conversing with the nominees and continuing to be a valuable resource for the Pittsburgh Land Bank and our city neighborhoods through our Vacant Property Working Group," Rosselot said.