

April 20, 2026

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Via email: collinsc559@duq.edu

RE: School of Health Sciences Project

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the Hill District's Development Review Panel (DRP) and the Hill CDC as a Registered Community Organization (RCO), we offer this letter of support for Duquesne University's School of Health Sciences project based on its September 2025 submission to the DRP. Details about this submission can be found at:
<https://www.hilldistrict.org/drpproposals/duquesne-university-rangos-school-of-health-sciences-rshs/>

ABOUT THE DRP AND RCO

The DRP is the Hill District's unified and comprehensive community review process that gives every Hill District resident a voice in their neighborhood's redevelopment. It is a partnership with seven (7) Hill District Community Based Organizations: Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC), Hill District Ministers Alliance (HDMA), Uptown Partners, The Center that Cares, Neighborhood Resilience Project (NRP), Macedonia FACE, and the Center for Family Excellence that streamlines community level review while assuring transparency and sufficient community feedback.

The mission of the Hill CDC is to work in partnership with residents and stakeholders to create, promote, and implement strategies and programs that connect plans, policies, and people to drive compelling community development opportunities in the Greater Hill District. The Hill CDC is responsible for facilitating the implementation of the Greater Hill District Master Plan, specifically addressing any community concerns regarding redevelopment and economic opportunities in the area. As part of our role, we staff and facilitate the DRP process.

The Hill CDC is also a Registered Community Organization (RCO) for the Greater Hill District, the boundaries of which are defined by the Greater Hill District Master Plan (GHDMP) and include this project.

In agreement with our commitment to the Hill District's unified community review process, we do not issue independent letters on development proposals and have integrated the DRP with the RCO regulatory requirements. **Per the RCO Ordinance, the DRP is our community's "orderly and democratic means for forming representative public input," and is our "clear method for reporting to the City, actions which accurately reflect the community's position."** This process ensures transparency and sufficient implementation of the community's vision and goals.

Duquesne School of Health Sciences

The Duquesne University School of Health Sciences development proposal scored a cumulative **81.17% - B** at the DRP committee and community review levels. **To receive a letter of support, a proposal must receive a minimum cumulative score of 80%. Accordingly, your score indicates that the plan sufficiently aligns with the Greater Hill District Master Plan and has received community support.** As such, we wish you the best in your development endeavors and look forward to supporting this development project.

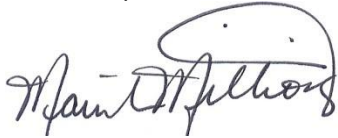
Please note, based on discussions throughout the DRP process, you committed to the following which contributed to support for your project:

- Working with the Hill CDC and DRP to promote and commission artists for the building, including publicly announcing opportunities and providing notification to the Hill CDC and DRP;
- Engaging the University of Pittsburgh (using their Chiller Water Plant efforts as a model for MBE participation);
- Collaborating with the Riverside Center for Innovation and Trade Institute of Pittsburgh as partner and first-source workforce providers to maximize opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and first-source hiring;
- Providing a detailed transportation and parking plan, including access, circulation, and capacity needs;
- Providing plans for local job creation and engagement of local contractors, starting with the Hill District;
- Tracking and reporting minority and women hiring;
- Outlining workforce development strategies and connections to local professional networks.

Lastly, we request that you keep the DRP updated on the progress of the project, such as the start of construction, significant milestones, and any changes to the project. These updates should be emailed to Hill CDC at policy@hilldistrict.org when they are available. If a change is significant, the DRP may request that you attend a DRP meeting to give an updated presentation.

Congratulations again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marimba Milliones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marimba Milliones
President and CEO, Hill CDC

Cc:

City of Pittsburgh Mayor and Staff
City Council President Daniel Lavelle
City of Pittsburgh, Planning Department