

# THE POLICY RECAP

A summary of House Democratic Policy Committee meetings..... October 11-12, 2017

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## Rep. Dom Costa AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND REBUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS

Pittsburgh | October 11

State Rep. Dom Costa hosted a hearing at the Teamsters Local Union 249 Hall to discuss affordable housing and rebuilding neighborhoods in Pittsburgh.

The hearing generated good discussion from city officials and redevelopment professionals about opportunities to improve neighborhoods and develop more affordable housing.

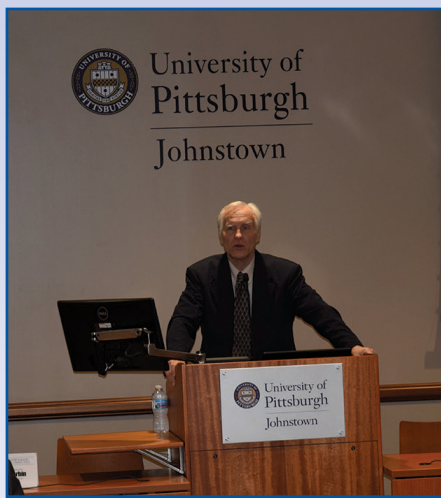


### Testifiers included:

Pittsburgh City Councilman Corey O'Connor, District 5;  
Eric Stoller, chief development officer, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh;  
Jason Tigano, real estate director, Economic Development South;  
Robert Rubinstein, executive director, Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh;  
Ray Gastil, director of city planning, City of Pittsburgh; and  
Larry Swanson, executive director, ACTION-Housing Inc.







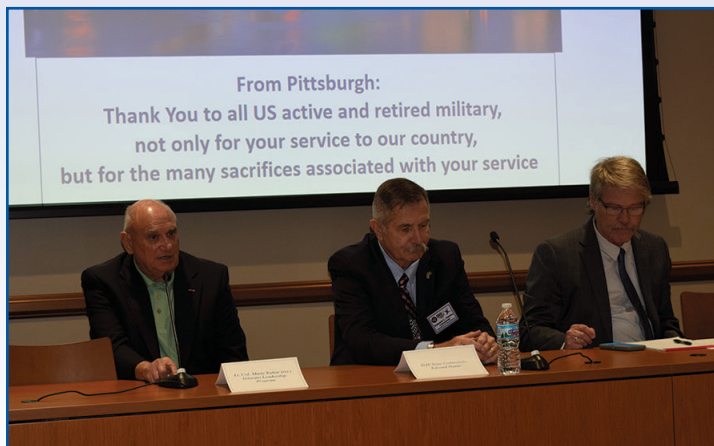
## Rep. Bryan Barbin FORUM ON GROUNDBREAKING TRAUMATIC BRAIN SCAN TECHNOLOGY

Johnstown | October 12

State Rep. Bryan Barbin hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee forum at the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown's John P. Murtha Center for Public Service and National Competitiveness on groundbreaking traumatic brain scan technology.

The committee viewed a video presentation by Dr. Walt Schneider, chief scientist of the innovative technology from the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Ava Puccio, co-director of Team TBI (traumatic brain injury), which provides integrative medical treatment.

State legislators, veterans advocates and students discussed the technology and Barbin's H.B. 1784, which would provide additional funds to allow more veterans to access this new technology.



## ABOUT THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Rep. Mike Sturla is chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus.

You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting [www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee](http://www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee).