

Good afternoon Council President Brady, Chairman Miller and Members of Council.

I appreciate the opportunity to be before you. I am here on behalf of the COA Admin. Judge M.E. Kilbane, as she was unable to attend today. I will be involved in the budget process on behalf of the court for the coming 2020 and 2021 years.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Maggie Keenan, OBM Director and Wendy Feinn, Budget and Planning Administrator. They were responsive to our needs and a pleasure to work with.

The COA's accept the proposed 2020-2021 biennial budget being recommended by the County Executive. As we accept the proposed budget, I will hold on presenting the new initiatives approved, unless you direct me otherwise. I would like to state on the record, I too stand in agreement with the request by Judge Russo to increase Appointed Counsel Reimbursement as well as the comments made by the Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Court, Domestic Relations, and Probate Court.

Thank you.