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Title:	Ordinance Directing the Allegheny County Board of Elections to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question, "Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article One, Home Rule Powers - Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new Section, "105. Local Governance", by prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of race, religion, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, disability, place of birth, national origin or association or affiliation with any nation or foreign state in conducting business of the City?" (Public Hearing held 2/3/25)		
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2/4/2025	2	City Council	Passed Finally	Pass
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1/29/2025	2	Standing Committees	Affirmatively Recommended as Amended	Pass
1/29/2025	2	Standing Committees	AMENDED	Pass
1/22/2025	1	City Council	Read and referred	

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Whereas, the City of Pittsburgh executes thousands of purchase agreements and enters into numerous contractual arrangements each year; **and**,

Whereas, the reliability of these purchases and contracts is essential to the proper functioning of government; **and**,

Whereas, the nature of a modern, globally integrated economy dictates that the City engages in business

transactions with multinational entities; **and,**

Whereas, the City conducts proper due diligence into the business practices and reputation of all potential City business partners; **and,**

Whereas, the City lacks the immense time and resources required to evaluate the activities of all foreign governments that City vendors or contractors interact with; **and,**

Whereas, the City recognizes the exclusive authority of the Government of the United States to proscribe or restrict business relationships with certain foreign nations, individuals, or entities; **and,**

Whereas, the City has an obligation to avoid conflicts with state and federal law; **and,**

Whereas, disruptions to the regular delivery of core services to City residents should be avoided at all costs.

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Allegheny County Board of Elections is hereby directed to place before the qualified voters of the City of Pittsburgh at the 2025 May Primary Election a referendum question:

“Shall the Pittsburgh Home Rule Charter, Article One, Home Rule Powers - Definitions, be supplemented by adding a new Section, “105. Local Governance”, by prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of race, religion, **ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, disability, place of birth,** national origin, or association or affiliation with any nation or foreign state in conducting business of the City”

105. LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The City of Pittsburgh will not refuse to do business with, or otherwise discriminate against, any person or entity based on race, religion, **ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity or expression, disability, place of birth,** national origin, real or perceived, or connection, association or affiliation with any nation or foreign state. Provided, however, nothing in this provision shall prohibit the City from complying with federal and/or state laws or directives prohibiting governmental units from doing business with foreign states against which the United States or State of Pennsylvania have issued sanctions, or codifying regulations to ensure compliance with the same.