



Pittsburgh

The Group of Twenty

September 2009

**Toward hospitable relations among public safety personnel,
citizens, and visitors.**

Pittsburgh City Council
Post-agenda meeting, 7/28/09

The Honorable Bruce Kraus, Chair
Committee on Public Safety Services
Council of the City of Pittsburgh

In addition to the host member, the United States, the G-20 Members are:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- France
- Germany
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Turkey
- the U.K.

The Chair of the European Union represents the 20th member.

The Director of the International Monetary Fund and President of the World Bank participate in G-20 meetings

Power

- **The Group of 20 represents two-thirds of the global population.**
- **Almost 90% of the global gross national product is produced within the G-20 countries.**
- **Approximately 80% of global trade occurs among the G-20 population.**

Protest

- G-20 meetings attract demonstrations by those who perceive the Group's policies as oppressive or contrary to the interests of poor people, the climate, and human equality, leading in war, violence, and racism.
- Some organized protest groups are focused on single policy themes such as war, hunger, labor inequities, poverty, etc.
- Some protest groups tend toward peaceful demonstrations, offering visual or verbal messages of protest or revolution.
- Some groups tend toward unlawful, militant, and/or disruptive methods of communicating protest or revolution.

History teaches us about the future.

Some recent protests against social and political policies have amplified questionable conduct by civilians, public safety personnel, protestors, and public officials:

- **Seattle, WTO, 1999**
- **Miami, FTAA, 2003**
- **Los Angeles, May Day, 2007**
- **St. Paul, RNC, 2008**
- **Denver, DNC, 2008**
- **London, G20, 2009**

These cities have suffered demoralization, damaged reputations, and extraordinary economic consequences from control tactics gone awry resulting in civil lawsuits and criminal prosecutions.

Purpose

To provide Council and the public with information relevant to the many challenges brought with the privilege of hosting the G20 meeting in September.

Most of what will be presented at this meeting has not been publicly explored. The information will afford Council the opportunity to develop an informed perspective and perform its due diligence as the event planning proceeds.

Challenges to Pittsburgh

- Facilitate the exercise of all rights and protections embodied in the US Constitution.
- Facilitate the G-20 meeting as scheduled without disruption.
- Protect visiting dignitaries from bodily harm.
- Protect the general public, as well as protestors, from bodily harm.
- Protect police and all public safety personnel from bodily harm.
- Protect the City's reputation, economic condition, and infrastructure from irreparable harm.
- Maintain the continuity and consistency of police availability and service in the City's neighborhoods.

Structure

- This informational meeting is segmented into three thematic discussions:
 - I. Protecting the Rights of Speech and Liberty.
 - II. What Other Cities Experienced
 - III. Public Assurance.
- Each segment is planned for 90 minutes.
 - Invited guests will address Council as noted on Agenda.
 - Council will engage in discussion with the guests as desired.
- The public will not engage in discussion with the guests or Council during this meeting.

Invited Guests

- Heidi Boghosian, Esq., Executive Director
National Lawyers Guild
- Casey Capitolo, Logistics Director
G-6 Billion, Pittsburgh
- Linda Perkins
Washington DC
- Nathan Harper, Chief of Police, City of Pittsburgh
- Mike Huss, Director of Public Safety, City of Pittsburgh
- Sara J. Rose, Esq., Staff Attorney
ACLU of Pennsylvania
- SW Rosenfeld, Chairman,
The Densus Group

I. PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF SPEECH AND LIBERTY

This discussion will provide a practical perspective on constitutional requirements affecting the exercise of free speech and movement in a high security venue. Guests will inform Council of their respective experiences and applicable legal standards.

<15 minutes Ms. Sara J. Rose, Esq.
ACLU of Pennsylvania

<15 minutes Ms. Heidi Boghosian, Esq.,
Executive Director
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II. WHAT OTHER CITIES EXPERIENCED

This discussion will inform Council and the public of experiences in other cities from the perspective of tactical and legal consequences related to the management of high security events involving mass protest.

<10 minutes

Ms. Linda Perkins

<10 minutes

Ms. Heidi Boghosian, Esq.

<10 minutes

Ms. Sara Rose, Esq.

<10 minutes

Mr. SW Rosenfeld

III. PUBLIC ASSURANCE

This segment will address best practices in managing public order while preserving civil rights and public safety; describe indicators of community engagement in the event planning stage including provisions to assure protestors are seen and heard while effectively managing violent or destructive participants. Guests will provide information about community commitments and intents, verify best practices are being applied in planning, and contrast various methods of tactics and potential outcomes.

< 20 minutes	Dir. Huss, Chief Harper
<10 minutes	Ms. Casey Capitolo
< 20 minutes	Mr. SW Rosenfeld

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The Densus Group was founded to advocate the professional, ethical and appropriate use of force, in response to observed mishandling of events both within the United States and abroad. The Densus Group's capabilities include crowd management and public order, the use of intelligence for counter-crime and counter-terrorism.

- Bios for Ms. Casey Capitolo and Ms. Linda Perkins were not available at the time of this release. They will be provide prior to the meeting. - *ecp*

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