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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 26, 2018

To: Council President Darrell Clarke; Chief Clerk of Council Michael A. Decker

Cc: James Leonard, Department of Records

From: Harold T. Epps, Director of Commerce

RE: First Source Jobs Policy, Quarter I 2018 Report

Per the First Source Jobs Policy, Chapter 17-1900 of the Philadelphia Code, the Department of Commerce (designated by the Mayor as the "Designated Department" responsible for overall implementation and enforcement of the "First Source Jobs Policy") is submitting the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for the 2018 calendar year.

Since the implementation of the First Source Jobs Policy, the Department of Commerce has been made aware of four beneficiaries that are covered by and will comply with the First Source legislation. The original beneficiaries are:

- 1. W/Element Hotel
- 2. Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (Gallery Project)
- 3. Orinoka Mills, L.P.
- 4. New Kensington Community Development Corporation

However, as of this Q1 report, the W/Element Hotel has opted *not* to utilize TIF and therefore is not subject to First Source requirements.

The Gallery Project remains a TIF, and the Orinoka Mills and New Kensington projects are below market rate land transactions.

To date, there have been no additional beneficiaries to the report since Quarter IV. All of the projects above are still in the development phase and will continue to be tracked until ready to prepare for hiring employees and transaction of business or services.

First Source Reporting to Date from Inception:

	New Entry Level Jobs	Candidates Interviewed	Candidates Employed
PREIT (GALLERY)	0	N/A	N/A
ORINOKA MILLS, L.P.	1	3	1
NEW KENSINGTON CDC	0	N/A	N/A

The project with the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT) that is re-developing the former Gallery Mall into the Fashion Outlets of Philadelphia, continues to move forward. The Commerce Department remains in communication with the representatives of PREIT, Macerich, and the attorneys for the project.

The Department of Commerce continues to monitor the three projects closely in their phases of construction and will report on these projects once construction is complete and entry-level jobs are created.