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## Organizations In Arrears

The MCCF Bylaws require us to publish a list of member organizations that have not paid their dues for the 2003-2004 fiscal year (July 1 thru June 30). The following list shows those organizations that are in arrears according to our records as of October 20. If you think your group has paid, please contact Dan Wilhelm (301-384-2698). If you have not paid, please send your dues and completed renewal form (available on the website) to Rosey Poole. Organizations that have not paid their dues by January 1, 2004 will be dropped from our membership rolls, will no longer be able to vote in meetings and will no longer receive the newsletter. We want all organizations to be part of MCCF and to help us work toward the civic and social betterment of the County.

Cabin John Citizens Assn.  
Carderock Springs Citizens Assn.  
Clarksburg Civic Assn.  
East Bethesda Citizens Assn.  
Elm Street, Oakridge and Lynn Civic Assn.  
Fallsmead Homes Corporation  
Kenwood Park Citizens Assn.  
Long Branch Neighborhood Initiative  
Maryknoll Citizens Assn.

Old Farm Civic Assn.  
Riverhill HOA  
Sligo Park Hills Citizens Assn.  
Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Assn.  
The Wisconsin Council of Unit Owners  
Tilden Woods Citizens Assn.  
Tulip Hill Citizens Assn.  
Valencia Civic Assn.  
Warfield Lane Preservation Committee  
Westmoreland Citizens Assn.

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## President's Message

*By Cary Lamari*

December marks the holiday season, a time for merriment and celebration and a time when we look at our families and thank God for all the benefits and blessings he has bestowed on us. I look forward to seeing all you at our holiday reception, and I wish the best for all of you and your families and during the coming weeks.

This year, however, has been a troubling one for me. In my humble opinion our communities have come under repeated attack by special interests. The master plans for Upper Rock Creek and Olney both promote unacceptable over-development. The Council has failed to enact a realistic or sustainable Annual Growth Policy and failed to promote transportation options that might reasonably lessen gridlock. Bill 36-03 now threatens to further bloat our county bureaucracy and budget by weakening or annihilating our excellent system of volunteer rescue and fire fighters. The end results will be the same: a continuing downward spiral in our quality of life.

My term as President of the Federation is winding down, but many initiatives the Federation has started will continue including reforms to our

electoral process, a housing initiative that will provide for the needs of residents without overburdening our public infrastructure and sacrificing our way of life, and finally, a transportation strategy that will address the growth of our county in a somewhat comprehensive fashion. I can only hope that in the end we, the citizens, will prevail in what I believe is necessary and that is, changing our political system to district representation with new, community friendly leaders that are not funded by and beholden to special interests.

I am hopeful that the Civic Federation will be an integral player in the coming years in addressing these and other issues that affect Montgomery County. The Federation has many friends in public office, and I wish to thank all officials, both elected and appointed, who have worked and who will continue to work with our dedicated citizens for the benefit of our communities. I can't name all of them without leaving some out so I won't name any. But I am sure you know who you are and I thank each of you for your commitment to serving the citizens of our communities. God bless each of you.

## **Bill 36-03: Two Opposing Viewpoints**

### **In Support of Bill 35-03**

*By Mike Knapp, Chairman, Homeland Security Committee*

Recent events have forced us to re-examine how we approach emergency preparedness in our community. Terrorist attacks in the National Capital Region on September 11, 2001; sniper shootings during October 2002; increasing security sensitivities resulting from the war with Iraq; effects of Hurricane Isabel, and proximity to our nation's Capital, all have presented new challenges that previously were unthinkable.

As chair of the County Council's Homeland Security Committee, I've examined our current state of public safety readiness, and particularly the first responders in our Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services ("MCFRS"). As a result of analysis that included more than fifty meetings with representatives of our County's volunteer fire and rescue organizations, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services, regional emergency preparedness experts, and the federal Department of Homeland Security, I introduced legislation to modify the MCFRS to improve our County's emergency preparedness efforts.

This legislation builds upon the current law, recognizes the independence and autonomy of our County's volunteer local fire and rescue departments (LFRDs) and is designed to address four main issues.

- 1) Improve incident management guidelines to conform to regional and national emergency preparedness efforts;
- 2) Better define the roles and responsibilities of the County, County firefighters and our LFRDs to increase accountability and improve decision-making;
- 3) Enhance incentives for recruitment and retention of volunteers; and
- 4) Modify the role of the fire and rescue commission to increase accountability.

In short, we must build upon the strengths of our current system, including the efforts of our volunteers, and refine our current law to ensure that MCFRS is in the best state of readiness to tackle complex incidents that could threaten the residents of and visitors to Montgomery County.

The Public Safety Committee will begin work sessions on this legislation on December 1, and the members of the committee encourage County residents to share their ideas regarding this bill so that all perspectives are represented as we undertake this important legislative process.

### **In Opposition to Bill 36-03**

*By Marcine D. Goodloe, Media Chair, Community Volunteer Fire Rescue Association (CVFRA)*

Ever since Benjamin Franklin's formation of one of the first volunteer fire departments, men and woman have volunteered to risk their lives serving their neighbors in time of need. At first, men pulled fire-fighting carts, then came horse-drawn fire wagons. Today, we have fire and rescue trucks that cost up to \$600,000 or more. Along with these changes came the need to meet new requirements to effectively and efficiently serve and protect our residents. In Montgomery County in the late 1960's, the volunteers realized that they needed a centralized communication center and a centralized training academy. These needs, among many others, were addressed by the Montgomery County Fire Board, which created county-wide policies and procedures that have been built upon to this very day. In addition, they developed outstanding benefits for the paid personnel, who at that time worked for the 18 (currently 19) independent fire and rescue corporations.

Your volunteers have continued to remain current and move forward by conducting advanced training and by acquiring modern fire and rescue apparatus and other state-of-the-art equipment and technology. In 1996, the voters of Montgomery County overwhelmingly defeated a special-interest attempt to create a large, single County Fire Department under the control of an appointed bureaucrat and voted to retain the community-based, and locally managed fire and rescue system which had been in place for over one hundred years. Today's system retains meaningful community participation through the involvement of all nineteen fire and rescue departments and the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Commission, which includes citizen input from County residents.

Yet today, under the guise of increased "Homeland Security," your community-based volunteer organizations are once again under attack, this time by the County Executive, individual members of the County Council and Local 1664 of the International Association of Firefighters, the union representing Montgomery County's paid

firefighters. This attack threatens the continued viability of the nineteen private, non-profit organizations, which own 27 of the 33 fire and rescue stations, and which meet the same mandatory, County-implemented training standards as their paid counterparts, and whose volunteers live and work in your community.

Please consider the central argument Mr. Knapp has put forth to support the need for change -- his flawed assertion that today's structure somehow compromises our homeland security plan. He states, "There isn't a unified command structure in place today." This claim is absolutely false and misleading to the public. In Montgomery County, there are volumes of policies and procedures that establish a countywide unified emergency command structure for all emergency incidents, ranging from simple automobile crashes to command and control of regional disasters. There is a clearly defined emergency "Chain-of-Command" in place today, for each and every call or dispatch of apparatus and personnel. Of the more than 100,000 calls for service each year in Montgomery County, there is not a single identified emergency incident that has not been properly mitigated, using our defined command structure. This public service structure of ours has been praised time and again by our government officials as "the best in the nation."

Will Bill 36-03 raise your taxes? Yes! Your community volunteers save the County taxpayers and businesses up to \$50 million a year! To simply push them out of the way, as this bill, if passed, will ultimately accomplish, will result in a steep and drastic increase in local taxes -- up to \$50 million annually, plus another \$250 million to purchase property owned by private non-profit organizations -- and all this at a time when tax revenues are down and the County government is poised to cut essential public safety services.

Will Bill 36-03 push out your volunteers? For that answer, you need only look to our neighbors in Fairfax and Anne Arundel counties to see how their volunteer forces have diminished dramatically after instituting a system similar to the one being proposed through Bill 36-03, here in Montgomery County.

Despite a number of requests, Councilmember Knapp has unfortunately refused to set aside his ill-conceived bill and sit down in good faith with the County's volunteer partners, to review, study and strengthen as necessary, existing language in the Montgomery County Code which defines

our present public safety structure. We the volunteers, continue to remain willing and anxious to sit down and discuss the present law, and how it can be improved and strengthened for the benefit of the entire community.

Bill 36-03 is not good for Montgomery County, nor its citizens and businesses. It is certainly not good for its fire and rescue departments and volunteer workers. Act now to **Kill Bill 36-03 - [www.killthebill.org](http://www.killthebill.org)**

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## **Stenberg Commission to Recommend Public Financing of Elections**

*By Dale Tibbitts, District 5 Vice-President*

The Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland (Stenberg Commission) has voted to recommend public funding of campaigns. The Commission recommends matching public funds for statewide campaigns and full financing of state senate and house races. The MCCF voted to support the concept of public financing of elections at its October 2003 meeting.

Why do we need this? A survey sponsored by the Commission found that 94% of the respondents thought that campaign contributions influence the policies supported by state elected officials. The study also found that 75% believe that fundraising is a major source of political corruption. Unfortunately, all state legislators are unfairly tainted by the perception that their votes are bought and paid for by influential special interest contributors. Public financing of campaigns removes the source of the potentially real, and certainly perceived, problem of influence peddling.

How does it work? The system is entirely voluntary so it does not violate the first amendment free speech provision of the constitution. If a candidate does not participate, he/she is subject to current election law.

If a candidate for statewide office participates, he/she must raise a specific number of qualifying \$5-\$20 contributions to show adequate widespread support and agrees to spending limits. The public campaign fund would then match contributions raised by the candidate up to 50% of the spending limit. If the participating candidate is running against a non-participating candidate and the non-participating candidate exceeds the spending limit, the Fund would contribute up to an additional 25% of the limit.

What are the advantages of this system? The participating candidates are not beholden to any large contributor. The candidates can spend the entire time meeting voters and campaigning on issues instead of fundraising. Citizens get few fundraising solicitations and more discussion of issues. There is a more opportunity for candidates from

every ethnic, racial, social, financial and professional background to get involved. Businesses have little influence, which can also be seen as a disadvantage. The disadvantages? The majority of campaign funds are dispersed from the general fund thus adding to the tax burden and/or taking funds from other programs.

Incumbents still have the advantages of name recognition and more opportunities for media exposure, but not an advantage in financial contributions. For more details on how public financing works and answers to frequently asked questions go to [www.publiccampaign.org](http://www.publiccampaign.org) or <http://progressivemaryland.org/issues/election/how.php>.

How may this system affect Montgomery County elections? Because the county must follow state election law for local races, enactment of the Stenberg Commission's recommendation for state offices would likely extend to local offices as well.

What happens next? Legislation will be introduced in the upcoming session of the General Assembly. The proposed bill will be sent to the powerful House Ways and Means Committee which is chaired by Montgomery County District 20 Delegate Sheila Hixson. Montgomery County has five other delegates on the Committee: Anne Kaiser-14, Jean Cryor-15, Michael Gordon-17, Hank Heller-19, and Nancy King-39. District 18 Delegate John Hurson is a member of the Stenberg Commission and has been an advocate of public financing of campaigns for several years. In the Senate, the bill will be heard by the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. The only member on EHEA from Montgomery County is District 18 Senator Sharon Grosfeld.

The MCCF will be actively supporting the public financing of campaigns bill in the state legislature in addition to the other campaign reform bills that MCCF supported last year.

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## Delegates Meeting Minutes

### November 10, 2003

*By Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary*

MCCF President Lamari calls the meeting to order at 7:47 PM and begins with introductions.

*Announcements.* The MCCF Annual Reception will be held Friday, December 5, 2003. Luella Mast: interested individuals may still attend the Committee for Montgomery breakfast meeting Wednesday, December 10. Jerry Garson: Pepco will be part of the program for January, 2004. Mark Adelman: Feb 12, 2004: Board of Education candidates forum at Crossway Community, 3015 Upton Drive, Kensington, 20895.

*Agenda.* Luella Mast adds bill 36-03 (firefighters bill) to the agenda. Agenda is adopted.

*Minutes of the October 13, 2003 MCCF Delegates meeting* by Rosie Poole were approved as printed in the November Newsletter. [This secretary thanks Rosie for her excellent minutes.]

*Community Hero Award.* Cary Lamari presents the MCCF's CHA to Leah Haywood, Edward Murtagh, and Kathleen Michels for their work in the renovation of Northwood High School.

*Program on Historic Preservation.* Wayne Goldstein gives an opening statement. A guest panel is present: Kim Williams, County Historic Society; Linna Barnes (councilmember of the Town of Chevy Chase); and Bob Reinhardt, Garrett Park. Ms. Williams: Montgomery County has one of the strongest Preservation laws in the State. Master Plan for Historic Preservation - only properties listed are protected. Helps prevent tear-downs. In-town building pressure is great. The pressure to add additions is also great, some that would triple the size of the original house. Kensington is a little stricter about building permits. Many unlisted properties are historic, but are not on the Master Plan. Some properties are torn down, but did not get on the list before a building permit was issued. Overlay districts. Conservation districts. Mr. Reinhardt: Garrett Park. About 1991-92, the County was considering the GP-North Bethesda Master Plan, which would place GP as a historic preservation. Instead, GP became an Overlay Zone. The purpose of the OZ is to permit floor-area ratio of .375. The County is not always diligent when appraising building permits. Truss addicts. Definition of "height." Ms. Barnes: There was a proposal to designate CC as a historic designation. Some houses, about 10, are historic, but the Town did not want overall historic designation. Municipalities such as CC can change some setback and lot coverage limits (currently 35%). CC residents are split over control of building construction. Reinhardt: GP set its own setbacks. Cary Lamari: seems like a cross between an Euclidean zone and site area review. Q: there are tax benefits to historic designation. A: County tax credit is for exterior only. Jerry Garson: overhead power lines? A: underground wiring can not be enforced. Q: Can a property, once voted to be historic, be rescinded? A: Yes, but decisions can be appealed to the MD Court of Appeals. Q: is there a "tree save" policy in CC? A: Yes, but it allows for removal with replacement. Q: What about large institutional buildings, such as churches? Large tree removal? A: The edges of historic properties and districts are a problem. It would be nice if abutting properties could be reviewed as well.

*Election of Corresponding Secretary.* Mr. Lyle Schofield is nominated. Seconded. Passes Unanimously.

*By-law Changes.* Bylaws committee members Luella Mast and Peggy Dennis present proposed by-law changes, the main purpose of which is to reorganize some of the document so that related concepts are together, notably membership. An amendment is moved to change "Duties" to "Rights." Seconded. Amendment fails 7 - 14. Dean Ahmad raises some questions about language and accuracy. Jim Humphrey moves an amendment under section A. Neighborhood Association, (2) Representation. The number of delegates for a member association shall be two for up to the first three hundred households, one additional delegate for between 301 and 600 households, and one additional delegate for all associations with over 600 households. Seconded. Passes. Committee will continue its work. Richard Zierdt moves that the committee bring back the bylaw changes in January 2004. Seconded, Passes 16-6-6. By-laws committee is holding its regular meeting Thursday, Nov 13, at the Mid-County Gov't Services Center in Wheaton on Reddie Drive.

*County Bill 36-03. Firefighters bill.* A motion is made that MCCF strongly oppose Bill 36-03. Five seconds are given. Fernando Bren: Volunteers are under attack. Asks for support to oppose the bill. Introduces Andy White, Eric Bernard, Mike Weiner, and Mike Kelly, all involved in volunteer fire protection. Ballot Question E in 1996 asked for a single fire chief. It failed. Now, Councilmember Michael Knapp submitted bill 36-03, which would accomplish about the same thing. The bill would consolidate power under a "super chief," rather than keeping under more local control. 1000 paid firefighters. This bill will destroy volunteer firefighting in this County. Eric Bernard gave a moving talk about volunteering. Mike Kelly talks of his volunteerism, and says that the county has safety polices in place. Some felt that the bill was supported by fire fighting unions, including some from Baltimore. Fire and Rescue Commission is the current policy-making body. Fernando Bren: Moves an amendment that the MCCF supports the abolition of the fire administrator. Seconded. Amendment fails, mainly because more delegates, while possibly supporting such removal, believed that the main focus should be to defeat 36-03 at this time. Original motion passes unanimously with one abstention. Public Hearing on Nov 18.

*Charter Review Commission.* Dale Tibbitts. The Commission is discussing the number of Council members, how many local and at-large members, whether or not they should be considered full-time (currently, they are considered part time). Public hearing Dec 3. Dale has also attended the Stenberg Commission meetings on public financing of state elections. MCCF asks the Committee For Montgomery to add publicly financed elections to their agenda.

*Old business.* Jim Humphrey moves that the MCCF vote to (1) Improve balance between jobs and housing within the regions of the County (2) Organize growth around transit

nodes, both rail and bus, while insuring adequate infrastructure and county services are in place to accommodate such growth, and (3) Reduce growth in rural and outer low-density suburban areas. Seconded. Motion passes 15-4-2, and meeting adjourns.

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## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes November 20, 2003

*By Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary*

[In Richard Zierdt's absence, Rosie Poole took initial minutes]  
Meeting started at 7:45

### *Announcements:*

1. Meeting at Blair HS to speak about where they're heading. Charles Lapinski will testify on our behalf. Dan will write a letter on transportation. Will send a letter to the delegation on where MCCF is on the issues. This is the State Transportation meeting.
2. Environmental issue to be brought up later under the environment committee's report
3. Add the transit center to the agenda
4. Announcement - problems with dogs & lawns because of entrance to park. Seems insurmountable so president of his association is moving and Charles will have to take over his responsibilities so his time with the Civic Fed will become limited.

*Motion to accept the October minutes* - approved

*Treasurer's report:* November preliminary handout.

Suggested doing the 50/50 at holiday reception.

*AGP hearing* - an additional hearing will be held thanks to Marilyn Praisner because there are several issues that the community has not had a chance to comment on. This will happen in the spring.

*Handicap Accessibility* for homes. Wait for Wayne to show up before discussion. Motion to table the discussion. Passed 100%.

*Electoral Campaign Reform Committee:* Handout.

[Richard Zierdt begins taking minutes.]

Dale Tibbetts. Distributes MCCF testimony for County Council. Dick Strombotne: The MCCF is on record as supporting reducing the number of signatures needed to get someone on the ballot (ballot access). Straw vote for full-time Councilmembers 8-3-2.

Multiple-corporation loophole. Dale asks for ExComm reaffirmation.

Public financing of state election of State delegates and senators. Stenberg Commission. Candidates for Governor and comptroller would receive matching funds. Cary suggests getting the firefighters involved or at least informed.

*Handicap Accessibility* for homes - Wayne Goldstein. Jackie Simon gave a briefing to Wayne. Cary: contractors are already burdened enough. Dale: the construction industry should recognize this market. Luella: What does Jackie Simon want to do? A: when 5 or more units and when renovations exceed \$100K or certain percentage of the assessed value. Richard: moves that Ms. Simon be invited to the December ExComm meeting. Seconded. Luella: there may not be enough time at an ExComm. Fails 3-7-1.

*Presidents Report.* Cary: Seven Locks Civic Association, with 30 homeowners, will likely join the MCCF. Cary reminds us of the Holiday Reception. Cary spoke at the ICC Workshop session last weekend. \$350M in projects. Cary spoke at the firefighters rally. Cary was embarrassed for the County at the public hearing: too many "jabs" between career and volunteer firefighters. The career firefighters would like to address the MCCF. Cary did invite the career firefighters to the last MCCF delegates meeting. Mark Adelman: this issue should not pit one side against the other. Rosie: when will a vote be taken? A: not for a few months. Jim: the career firefighters were notified; they did not show up. The MCCF has voted. We should move on. RZ moves to invite the career firefighters at the January delegates meeting. Seconded. 5-5-0. Cary abstains, motion fails. Charles moves to invite the career and volunteer firefighters to submit articles for the newsletter. Seconded. Passes 9-1-0. Cary refers a request by Fernando Bren that the MCCF invite Rockville City Council members to the MCCF's Holiday Reception. Discussion: no municipalities are MCCF members. No precedent. To invite all city elected officials would be too costly. Request was rejected.

*Holiday Reception.* Cary: we need to get people out. Charles Wolff: a personal phone call is the most effective. Luella: we need volunteers to man the entrance table.

[Secretary's head count: 15 people present.]

*Program.* January, 2004. PEPCO. Alyce Ortuzar. Tyson Slocum, Public Citizen, will attend as well. February, 2004: Affordable Housing. Bob Abrams. March, 2004: TBD. Dick Strombotne: Biennial (every two years) CIP budget (capitol improvement program) would be a good topic. Wayne: City Stat would be a good idea. Invite Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley.

*Bylaws Committee.* Luella Mast. Distributes hard copy of current bylaws, and a draft. Committee meets on second Thursdays of the month (chair is Dan Wilhelm). Luella explains her notations to the ExComm.

*Community Hero* for January. Peggy suggests Norman Knopf. Charles says he was awarded a June MCCF award about four years ago. Passes 10-1. Jim suggests Dan Tuten for February. Passes 11-0-0.

*Housing Committee.* Wayne Goldstein reports briefly.

*Land Use Committee.* Tom DeGraba, Wayne Goldstein. A subdivision proposal was before Park and Planning. Wayne prepared the community for its testimony. 3 of the 5 commission members seemed against the subdivision proposal.

[Secretary's head count: 16 people present.]

*Membership Committee.* Rosie Poole gives a brief report.

*Legislation.* George Sauer. Wayne gives a brief report on the Heritage Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

*Transportation.* Dan Wilhelm. The MCCF has not taken a position on increased State funding for transportation (as a total State budget item, as opposed to Montgomery's own transportation budget, which would be argued separately). Dan would like some volunteers to help work on this. Other ideas being floated are hot lanes.

Charles Pritchard describes Transit Center (around City Place in Silver Spring). Dale: money (~\$40M) has been allocated, but is afraid that it may be siphoned off. Dan Wilhelm: Fred Muller from D.C. Should hazardous materials come through the D.C. area? Some discussion about such materials being transported on rail ensued.

*Environment Committee.* Charles Pritchard. A new group, Neighbors of Northwest Branch, wrote an article for the November Newsletter. Environmental Issues and Action Report by County DEP. Committee recommends that the MCCF support the document and encourage the County to implement its ideas. Passes unanimously. Jim: Opposes Gov. Ehrlich's even suggesting the sale of Legacy Open Space. Luella Mast moves that the MCCF oppose the sale of LOS. Passes with one objection. Should the MCCF submit a letter to the newspapers? Passes with two objections. Charles Pritchard: Principals constructing a building in Silver Spring will use LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) principles in its construction.

*Education Committee.* Mark Adelman. Candidates forum is scheduled for Feb 12, 2004. Committee sent an email to the BOE about its charter school policy and the KIPS school. Mark attended the Council's Management and Fiscal Policy (MFP) work session and was impressed by its questions and concern (regarding a proposed lease of Montgomery Hills Junior High building to Yeshiva of Greater Washington, Inc.). The lease would give Yeshiva the sole right to decide who would remodel the school and the amount. Some express sole source concerns. Cary expresses his concern about the lack of an open bidding process, and that multiple firms may not apply.

*Newsletter assignments.* Jorge is not available to format the newsletter for two months. Peggy will be away in March, so someone will need to do the April, 2004 newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

**HOLIDAY RECEPTION  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 05, 2003**

**6:30 P.M.**

**NEW FORTUNE RESTAURANT  
16515 S. FREDERICK AVE.  
WALNUT HILL SHOPPING CENTER**

**AGENDA:**

6:30 Greetings and announcements  
7:00 Awards and recognition of public service to:  
Honorable Connie Morella, Nancy Dacek,  
Blair Ewing and Ike Leggett  
9:30 - Adjournment

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Please send all address corrections to Dan Wilhelm, 904 Cannon Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904, 301-384-2698,

**NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, December 18, 2003, 7:45 p.m.

**RED BRICK COURTHOUSE**

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