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Greenshields, Rachel

From: McGill, Andy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:53 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Derezinski, Tony; Rapundalo, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten
Cc: andymc [REDACTED] dave.askins@annarborchronicle.com
Subject: Airport Geese

Council Members:

Airport Manager Matt Kulhanek misled you tonight when he said the birds listed in the Environmental Assessment were only endangered species and that is why Canada Geese were not listed in the report. In fact, the exhibit -- Appendix F to the Environmental Assessment -- lists only one bird as threatened (a Henslow Sparrow) among the 38 listed. The exhibit listed 37 other species found in the area, but as I reported in my testimony earlier in the Council meeting, managed to identify no Canada Geese. This was characterized by both the FAA and USDA as "unbelievable."

As for Mr. Kulhanek's statement that there had been no bird strikes at the Ann Arbor airport, the FAA website on bird strikes, shows nine such strikes.

Cordially,

Andrew McGill

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Kunselman, Stephen
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:42 PM
Subject: Read: FW: Amendment

Your message

To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Postema, Stephen; Fraser, Roger
Subject: FW: Amendment
Sent: 3/15/2010 9:56 PM

was read on 3/15/2010 10:42 PM.

Greenshields, Rachel

From: audio@governmenteducator.com [audio@government-educator.net]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:41 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Email Record Management: What's a Record, What's Private & What's Not- 3/30 Webinar

Dear Marcia Higgins,

For those of you concerned with email record retention and learning what is and isn't a private email record, join us for our leading 60-minute webinar:

"Email Record Management: What's a Record, What's Private & What's Not"
Tuesday March 30, 2010- 1:00 PM ET
<http://www.government-educator.net/V6/0/2/p3H9KMc/p4DHEGGWi/p0e>

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- ** How to stay compliant with electronic record retention & email privacy
- ** The difference between a public and private email record
- ** Retention best practices- The do's and don't for deleting

SPEAKER

Benjamin Wright is the author of several technology law books, including Business Law and Computer Security, published by the SANS Institute. With 25 years in private law practice, he has advised many organizations, large and small, private sector and public sector, on privacy, computer security, records management and e-mail discovery and been quoted in publications around the globe, from the Wall Street Journal to the Sydney Morning Herald.

- ** He wrote and presented to the Sri Lankan government a report on technology law, which contributed to the adoption of national e-commerce legislation in 2005.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: elyakin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:37 PM
To: Derezinski, Tony
Cc: Leslie Krauz Stambaugh
Subject: Human Rights Commission document

Attachments: scan - hrc talking points0001.pdf



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points0001....

Tony,

Here is (attached) is the latest draft of the language and the research along with a short FAQ on the proposed change in the Non- discrimination ordinance.

Thank you for taking the time to review this; it was good to talk with you tonight. The Human Rights Commission would like the opportunity to discuss this with you further; could you let me know when a good time for you might be to have myself and another Commissioner meet with you briefly to review the proposed changes and to answer your questions.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks

Neal

Neal Elyakin
[REDACTED]

Adding “Political Belief” to Our Non-Discrimination Ordinance

Proposal Submitted by the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission

Subgroup draft Feb-March 2010

The Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission proposes to add “political belief” to Section 9:150 of the city’s Non-Discrimination ordinance. With this addition, the section would read:

It is the intent of the city that no person be denied to equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil or political rights or be discriminated against because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental limitation, source of income, family responsibilities, educational association, political belief, sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status. As used herein, "perceived" refers to the perception of the person who acts, and not to the perception of the person for or against whom the action is taken. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit any affirmative action laws passed by any level of government.

The following definition of the term “political belief” would also be added to section 9:151 (18):

The lawful expression of beliefs, or membership in a political party or group, whether actual or perceived. With regard to employment, an employee’s speech or conduct that either a) interferes with his or her job performance or b) poses a substantial conflict of interest with the core mission of the employer, is specifically excluded from this protection.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **What prompted this proposal?** This issue was brought to the Human Rights Commission (HRC) by citizens in early 2008. Research indicated that similar protections were not available at the Federal or State levels and the Commissioners agreed that, given the importance of political diversity in a democracy, political belief should be explicitly protected. The HRC sought the opinions of experts and stakeholders about the need for this protection. Included in this group are a local attorney who frequently handles cases involving the civil rights of employees, a professor at the University of Michigan Law School who has expertise in First Amendment law, and the Chair of the Washtenaw County ACLU. With the need established, the HRC found that a number of other jurisdictions had indeed provided this protection. The HRC then researched the language these jurisdictions used and made calls to inquire about the impact their ordinances and statutes have had. Finally, the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce was contacted about how this change in the ordinance might impact the city’s business community. The responses of the Chamber’s Public Policy Committee provided important input that the HRC used in crafting the language of this change to the ordinance.
- 2) **Why “political belief”?** The term “political belief” is the term already used by two local sources: the non-discrimination policies of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners and the Ann Arbor Public Schools. After careful examination of other options (e.g. political ideology) Commissioners agreed that “political belief” was most appropriate.
- 3) **What constitutes “political belief”?** The definition proposed for use in the ordinance is “*The lawful expression of beliefs, or membership in a political party or group, whether actual or perceived. With regard to employment, an employee’s speech or conduct that either a) interferes with his or her job performance or b) poses a substantial conflict of interest with the core mission of the employer, is specifically excluded from this protection.*”
- 4) **What size employer would be impacted by this ordinance?** The existing ordinance language remains unchanged in this regard, and defines “employer” as “a person employing five or more persons”. A person or company employing fewer than five persons would not be bound by this ordinance.

- 5) **What if an employee's expression of beliefs or political activity is disruptive of, or threatening to, the employer's interests?** The proposed definition specifically addresses the employment context by excluding speech or conduct that poses a substantial conflict of interest with the core mission of the employer.
- 6) **What if an employee's speech or conduct impairs job performance?** The proposed definition specifically addresses this issue by excluding from protection an employee's speech or conduct that "interferes with his or her job performance." Thus, the ordinance would protect an employee from discrimination based on the lawful expression of their beliefs as long as that expression does not get in the way of their doing their job or violate legal, uniformly applied company rules about workplace behavior. Speech or conduct in the workplace which violates legal workplace rules (e.g., harassment of co-workers, dress codes, no display of political affiliations, etc.) would be subject to discipline under those rules, provided they are uniformly applied to everyone (regardless of their political belief).
- 7) **Is there a difference between expression at work and those outside of work?** The proposed change to the ordinance would protect the expression of political belief both outside and in the workplace. But it would not interfere with the right that employers have under the law to limit certain types of speech or conduct in the workplace. It is not intended to establish new rights or limits in that regard, except insofar as it explicitly extends equal protections on the basis of "political belief" against unequal or discriminatory application of workplace rules.
- 8) **Would the ordinance erode "employment at will" or undermine employer discretion?** No. The existing ordinance guarantees that no person shall be denied equal protection of the law or the enjoyment of their civil or political rights, and that no person is discriminated against in employment. Employers who fall under the jurisdiction of the ordinance will still be able to employ "at will" provided that they do not discriminate on the basis of this or the other protected categories listed in this ordinance.
- 9) **Would the ordinance invite needless increased litigation?** No. The HRC contacted other municipalities with similar language. None reported experiencing additional litigation or other negative consequences due to their similar language.
- 10) **How would the addition of "political belief" benefit our community?** Ann Arbor is a diverse community. This addition would ensure that each member of this community would be protected against discrimination on the basis of their political beliefs in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Furthermore, employers, places of public accommodation, and other institutions would benefit from this amendment, because it would enable them to resist potential pressures to single out individuals for unfair and unequal treatment on the basis of their beliefs.
- 11) **Are other similar and/or adequate protections already afforded at the state/federal level?** No.
- 12) **Which other municipalities or institutions have similar protections?**
 - The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners prohibits discrimination in employment, including by County contractors, on account of "political belief." (Resolution 05-0081, adopted in 2005)ⁱ
 - The "Non-Discrimination Policy of the Ann Arbor Public Schools" bans discrimination on the basis of "political belief."ⁱⁱ See http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps.about/non-discrimination_policy
 - The City of Madison, Wisconsin bans discrimination on the basis of "political beliefs" which are defined as "one's opinion, manifested in speech or association, concerning the social, economic and governmental structure of society and its institutions. This ordinance shall cover all political beliefs, the consideration of which is not preempted by state or federal law." (Municipal Code Chapter 39 Section 03 "Equal Opportunities Ordinance"ⁱⁱⁱ)
 - Michigan State University's "Anti-Discrimination Policy" broadly prohibits discrimination on the basis of "political persuasion" (Article II)^{iv}
 - The City of Lansing, Michigan bans discrimination in housing on the basis of "political orientation" (Lansing City Code, Chapter 296 - Fair Housing)^v

- The City of Seattle, Washington bans discrimination on the basis of "political ideology," which includes "membership in a political party or group and includes conduct, reasonably related to political ideology, which does not interfere with job performance" (Seattle Municipal Code, Title 14 - Human Rights^{vi})
- The District of Columbia and the Broward County Human Rights Acts ban discrimination on the basis of "political affiliation" which is defined as, respectively, "the state of belonging to or endorsing any political party"^{vii} and "belonging to or endorsing any political party."
- In addition, both the Michigan Department of Human Services and the US Department of Agriculture prohibit discrimination on the basis of "political beliefs". See, for example, http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FIA-PUB-0478-EN-SP-A_88886_7.pdf and <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/directives/doc/DR4300-003.htm>.

ⁱ The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Resolution: 05-0081 adopted in 2005 does not appear to contain a definition of "political belief." The 2005 Resolution appears to modify earlier language and the "political belief" protection appears to pre-date 2005.

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/clerk_register/minutes/rop/year_2005/2005-04-20-05rop.pdf

ⁱⁱ Non-Discrimination Policy of the Ann Arbor Public Schools (Board Policy 2050 of June 30, 2009) "No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any educational program or activity available in any school on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, creed, political belief, age, national origin, linguistic and language differences, sexual orientation, gender expression, socioeconomic status, height, weight, marital or familial status, or disability." Available online at:

http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/aaps/about/non-discrimination_policy and http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/boe/policies/boe_policy_2000_administration

Inquiry is underway: we do not know if there is a precise definition of political belief, but have determined that although the Board Policy dates to June 2009, it was predated by a longer standing resolution.

"Policy is the unified voice of the Board of Education stating, on behalf of the community, what it wants and who has responsibility."

<http://www.aaps.k12.mi.us/boe/home/policies>

ⁱⁱⁱ The City of Madison Code bans discrimination on these categories: race, gender, age, creed, color, religion, arrest and conviction record, student status, national origin or ancestry, physical appearance, disability, sexual orientation, political beliefs, source of income, less than honorable discharge, current or past military service, marital status, familial status, use or non use of lawful products and retaliation. "Political beliefs" means one's opinion, manifested in speech or association, concerning the social, economic and governmental structure of society and its institutions. This ordinance shall cover all political beliefs, the consideration of which is not preempted by state or federal law.

Available online at: <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=50000&sid=49>

^{iv} Michigan State University:

"Article II. Prohibited Discrimination

Unlawful acts of discrimination or harassment are prohibited.

In addition, the University community holds itself to certain standards of conduct more stringent than those mandated by law. Thus, even if not illegal, acts are prohibited under this policy if they: 1. Discriminate against any University community member(s) through inappropriate limitation (2) of employment opportunity (3), access to University residential facilities, or participation in educational, athletic, social, cultural, or other University activities on the basis of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight (4) or 2. Harass any University community member(s) on the basis of age, color, gender, handicapper status, height, marital status, national origin, political persuasion, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or weight. These prohibitions are not intended to abridge University community members' rights of free expression or other civil rights.. Available online at: <http://www.msu.edu/access/rule8.html>

See also Faculty Handbook Article II online at: <http://www.hr.msu.edu/documents/facacadhandbooks/facultyhandbook/AntiDiscrimPolicy.htm>
See also "Assuring Equity and Non-Discrimination" available online at: http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/files/Assuring_Equity_2009.pdf

^v The City of Lansing bans discrimination in housing for these categories: race, religion, color, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, political orientation, disability, use of adaptive devices or aids or source of income. Available online at: http://www.lansingmi.gov/hrcs/non-discrimination_compliance.jsp

^{vi} Excerpts from Chapter 14.04 - Fair Employment Practices of Title 14 - HUMAN RIGHTS of the Seattle Municipal Code (emphasis and underline added). Available online from: <http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/toc/t14.htm>
See also: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/humanrights/>

^{vii} The District of Columbia bans discrimination for these categories: race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, disability, source of income, and place of residence or business. Available online at: <http://ohr.dc.gov/ohr/cwp/view.a.3.q.491858.ohrNav.%7C30953%7C.asp>

Greenshields, Rachel

From: MUSTAFA ALI [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:30 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten (Westpole)
Cc: Taylor, Christopher (Council); Hieftje, John
Subject: No Moravian

Dear Council members

I own the property next door to the property adjacent to this proposed project, I strongly reject this project. This project is going to be a NON affordable Dorm for college students. I feel bad for the neighbors. I have apartments rented to young professionals and they were really hesitating in renewing their contracts because of this project.

Please save this neighborhood, homeowners and tenants. Imagine how the neighborhood will look like in a Football game day, we will all loose the quietness and peace in this neighborhood.

Please think more than one time about the families who paid top dollars for their properties that will be destroyed by this project. The building height is just not fair, in a Flood Zone area, we will all suffer the darkness from this building.

I tried to add an apartment in my basement which is less than 100Ft far from the proposed project and city said NO, they even told me, do not waste your time and money to apply for a variance, how can you approve this giant building and refuse my small studio apartment????

I am sure you will think twice about the families that will be affected.

Best Regards

Mustafa Ali, M.Sc.
Engineer, Licensed Builder

[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Lisa Jevens [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:28 PM
To: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: cell phone ban

Hi Chris,
I just read the details of the proposed ban, and it says;

The ordinance bans motorists and bicyclists in Ann Arbor from using "any device" to do any of the following:

- * Talk to or listen to another person.
- * Create, send, transmit, read or listen to a text message, verbal message, oral message or electronic message.
- * Leave a recorded message.
- * Create, send, transmit, review, read a map or other image, whether or not the image or map includes or is accompanied by written or oral messages.
- * Use the Internet.

Does the wording "any device" include a Garmin (GPS)? If so, I strongly oppose this ordinance! I use my Garmin all the time! Help!

Lisa Jevens
[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: wbwc@googlegroups.com on behalf of Kris Talley [ktalley@umich.edu]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:11 PM
To: Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition
Subject: [WBWC] Plans in works to connect Ann Arbor and Saline by biking, walking trail

Featuring our own Larry Deck:

<http://www.annarbor.com/news/if-pittsfield-township-has-its/>

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For more options, visit this group at <http://groups.google.com/group/wbwc?hl=en>.

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Kalyan Dutta [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:09 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Cell Phone Ban

As an AA resident, I would reluctantly support a ban on hand-held cell phones while driving. But I have a hard time believing AA would ban as broad a set of devices as suggested in the [annarbor.com](#) article (below)

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If this comes to pass, using a hearing aid would be illegal ! I trust council will reconsider before enacting such a absurdly broad ban !

Regards,
Kalyan Dutta

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FYI

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Higgins, Marcia
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:42 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Cc: Higgins, Marcia
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Jackie, I am going to offer this amendment. Thanks, Marcia

Resolved, that three years after the date of the contract implementation, the City Administrator will report back to the City Council on the effectiveness of the Recycle Bank Benefits program.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:55 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Multimedia message

Students will love the benefits of earning stuff by recycling

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Chris Dixon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:40 PM
To: Chris Dixon
Subject: PFLAG Ann Arbor March Newsletter
Attachments: March2010.pdf



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I Never Imagined I Would Have a Gay Child

By Patty Williams

Sometime in the mid 80s my stepsister told me that my stepbrother was gay. I wasn't shocked. I didn't grieve. I simply accepted. I simply loved him because I loved him. Because of my experience with my step brother when my sons were growing up, my husband and I told them quite simply that some people are born and want to love the opposite gender and some people want to love the same gender. I can remember my sons saying, "Mom I'm not gay." But when puberty hit that would not turn out to be the case. I watched as my younger son struggled with his sexual identity. At first, my son thought he was bisexual, but by 12 or 13 he was positive, his primary attraction was to other men.

I never imagined that I would have a gay child. I imagined that, having a gay brother, I had already experienced my quota of gay family members. But I knew I never wanted our children to feel like we would reject them. What I experienced after our son became sure of his sexual identity surprised me. I cried, then I cried some more. Then I stopped attending church because I was so angry with Christians for their denouncement of homosexuals. I cried some more. I cried over the straight son I had lost. I cried over the grandchildren he would never make. I cried for the rejection, anguish and the fear he would experience. But I never cried in front of HIM. For him we celebrated, we rented "The Bird Cage," I showed him the Lambda site on the internet. AND I thank God everyday that for whatever reason we made sure our sons knew that we considered being gay a normal varia-

tion on the human condition. Our son was able to get support from us during the awakening of his sexuality. And as his parents, who else but us should have been there to give him the support he deserved and needed.

But the reality is that no one wants their child to be the member of a minority group that is subjected to horrible bias and oppression. It is normal for parents to feel grief over any hardship their child faces. And so it is normal to feel upset and sad when your child, brother, sister, or friend tells you that they are gay. Beyond the sadness there is only love. We cherish our son of course not because he is or isn't anything in particular but because we love him. And once we moved through the grief his gayness is, it just is. It is no different than the fact that our older son is a big talker. Or that our daughter has her father's legs. It is just part of his attributes. Sure I still get mad at the oppression gay people experience and I channel that by being an avid and outspoken supporter of gay rights.

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**Our meetings are the 3rd Sunday
of every month from 2:00 - 4:30 PM**

at St. Andrews Episcopal Church
306 N. Division @ Catherine Street
Ann Arbor

SEE MAP ON BACK PAGE

Sunday, March 21st

Entry from parking lot behind church.

Look for "PFLAG" sign.

"In Harmony"

Will be singing at this month meeting

PFLAG Parent Writes A Book to Help Others

Orlando, Florida, March 1, 2010—Enid Jackowitz, a psychotherapist and mother of a gay son has written a new book, *The Rest of the Way: A Coming Out Story for Parents and Gay Children*. Enid sheds light on where the roots of homophobia, shame, and guilt come from, allowing parents to see issues that may be keeping them stuck. The book can not only help parents come to a place of greater understanding and acceptance of their gay child, but also gay people can gain a new awareness of the complexity of the coming out process from a parents' point of view.

The Rest of the Way tells the true story of Enid's journey of personal growth and transformation after her son came out to their family over twenty years ago, and how ultimately she became a psychotherapist specializing in gay and lesbian issues. A prominent theme of the book is that there is nothing wrong with being gay. But there is something very wrong with our homophobic world. It isn't our children who need to change; it's society that needs to change. This quote from Lexi W., Melbourne PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays): I purchased Enid's book for our PFLAG chapter in Melbourne, FL. I always read the books we place in our library first. This book proved to be just as helpful for me, a lesbian woman, in my opinion, as it will be for parents of gay children. Enid's story covers not just her struggle with her son coming out but also other issues that anyone in any family can relate to—relationships and self-esteem.

Very often when children come out of the closet parents go into the closet. But there is a way out. Enid's story of personal growth offers hope and compassion to families struggling with the coming out process. Quote from Dawn L. LCSW, Orlando: *The Rest of the Way* is a look at the process that many parents of a gay or lesbian child go through in coming to terms with the 'coming out' of their child. ...Give this book to any family who has a gay or lesbian member. Use it as a way to begin deeper conversations and build bridges back to one another and to your own deepest self. This book can change your life and that of your family or friends.

The book is intended to be a resource for:

- Parents struggling with the news that their child is gay.
- Gay children who want to give their parents a helpful resource when coming out.
- Parents stuck in the "we love you, but let's not talk about it" stage.
- Gay children wanting a better understanding of the coming out process from a parent's point of view, and
- Families wanting to have a deeper conversation and begin building bridges back to one another.

The Rest of the Way is now available at Enid's website www.restoftheway.com or directly from Amazon.com at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1439246033>

Enid Jackowitz is a licensed mental health counselor in private practice in Casselberry, Florida and a longtime member of PFLAG (Parents, Family, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays). Knowing personally as well as professionally how difficult the journey from homophobia and rejection to acceptance and advocacy is for both parents and children, Enid felt compelled to tell her story to help parents and children on this journey.

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Thank you!

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Mail Checks and Completed Registration Form to:

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Contact: pflag_jackson@yahoo.com, or call Lorraine at (517)750-3045

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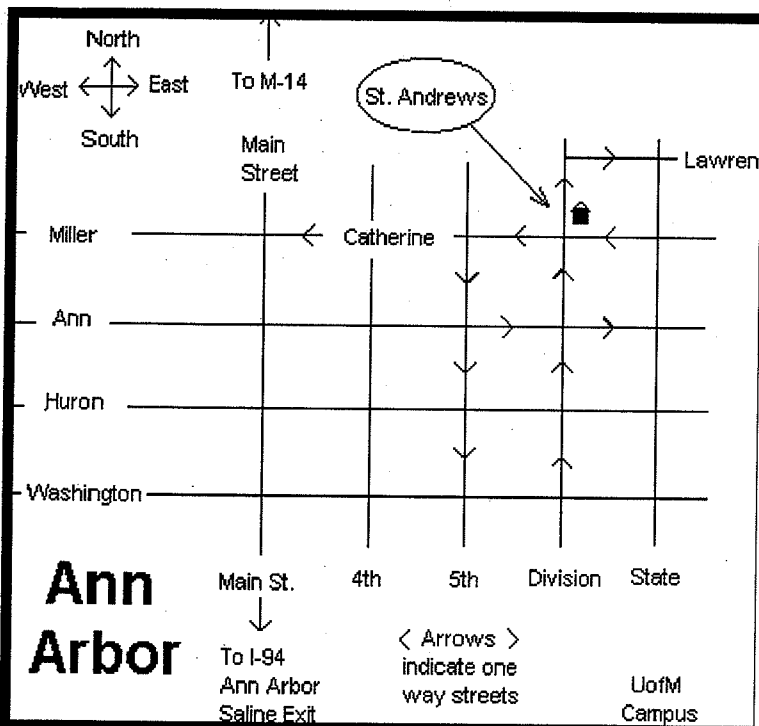
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Community Weekly News: Between The Lines
Website: www.pridesource.com

NEIGHBORING PFLAG CHAPTERS
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PFLAG/Ann Arbor Mission Statement
PFLAG/Ann Arbor promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:

- Support** - to cope with an adverse society
- Education** - to enlighten an ill informed public.
- Advocacy** - to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights

PFLAG/Ann Arbor provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Diane Nothaft [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:37 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Please support single-stream recycling!

Please vote for the Recycle Ann Arbor and Recycle Bank contracts on Monday night. The new single stream system will be great for recycling in my neighborhood.

Thanks!

Diane Nothaft
[REDACTED]

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Rampson, Wendy
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:31 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Design Guidelines Meeting

Are you available to meet with the committee either next Wednesday (3/24) or Thursday (3/25) evening?

Wendy Rampson, AICP

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From: government3-bounces+mhiggins=ci.ann-arbor.mi.us@mail.aliconferences.com on behalf of Lisa McClear, ALI Conferences [lisamcclear@aliconferences.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 5:47 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Cc: ALI Conferences Government Notification List - Part 1
Subject: DALLAS Social Media for Government Training, March 23-24 - Just 1Week to Register

Last chance to register for this popular "Social Media" training coming to Dallas...

SOCIAL MEDIA For GOVERNMENT - DALLAS

How To Engage Your Employees
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WEB 2.0 Technologies To
Drive Communication Results

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March 23-24, 2010

Warwick Melrose Hotel - Dallas, TX - see below for more venue details!

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AGENDA SUMMARY

"Social Media For Government"

General Sessions

Tuesday, March 23 - Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Details: http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/social_media_govt0310/index.htm

AGENDA, DAY ONE, Tuesday, March 23, 2010

8:30 Chairperson's Welcome & Opening
Utilizing The Tricks Of The Trade:
How To Foster Community And Build
Your Network Through Social Media
GOVLOOP

9:30 Break-Out Blitz: Network &
Discuss Social Media Challenges
With Your Colleagues

10:30 Validating, Monitoring, And
Utilizing New Media For Education
And Crisis Communications
CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS

11:20 How To Blend Traditional
Media With Social Media To Educate
And Engage Your Audience
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION,
LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER

1:40 Avoiding Social Media
Turbulence: A Step-By-Step Process
For Launching Your Pilot Program
CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

2:30 Southwest Airlines: Nuts
About Online Communication - -
How To Leverage Social Media
Tools To Successfully Support
Your Organization's Efforts
SOUTHWEST AIRLINES

3:35 If They Can Do It, You Can
Too: How The U.S. Army Reserve
Leveraged Social Media While
Faced With Resistance
And Strong Government Rules
U.S. ARMY RESERVE

4:25 Putting A Face On Enterprise Social Computing In Government MICROSOFT U.S. PUBLIC
SECTOR

5:15 End Of Day One & Networking Reception

AGENDA, DAY TWO, Wednesday, March 24, 2010

8:40 Twitter: Getting Your Information
Out Further And Faster -- Why It's So
Much More Than Telling People
What You Had For Breakfast
TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

10:00 Using Social Media To Increase

Awareness Of Your Organization's
Efforts, Engage Many Publics,
Share Resources And Lift The Level
Of Shared Knowledge
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

10:50 Communicating In The Cloud:
Using Really Simple Syndication (RSS)
Feeds To Better Communicate With
Employees And Customers
MISSOURI RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

1:10 Group Exercise & Interactive Session

1:55 Strategic Use Of Social Media In
The Response To H1N1 - - Engaging,
Monitoring, Disseminating
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL
AND PREVENTION (CDC)

3:00 How To Communicate Via Social
Media With A Minimal Budget And
Reduced Staff
CITY OF RENO, NEVADA

3:50 Using Wikis As A Collaborative
Training Tool To Build And Sustain
Community
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

4:40 Chairperson's Recap And
End Of General Sessions

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FORWARD TO A COLLEAGUE!

If you know of anyone tasked with integrating new social media and Web 2.0 tools and technology into their communication plans, please forward this email to a colleague who may benefit from best practices and lessons learned in using social media for government.

MORE TRAINING Opportunities:

1. SOCIAL MEDIA for GOVERNMENT, March 23-24, 2010, Dallas, TX
http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/social_media_govt0310/index.htm
2. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT for GOVERNMENT, April 6-9, 2010, Washington, DC
http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/perf_meas_govt0410/index.htm
3. SOCIAL MEDIA for RECRUITING in GOVERNMENT & DEFENSE, April 12-15, 2010, Washington, DC
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4. SOCIAL MEDIA for PHARMA, May 24-27, 2010, Princeton, NJ
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5. CLOUD COMPUTING for GOVERNMENT, June 7-9, 2010, Washington, DC
http://www.aliconferences.com/conf/cloud_computing_govt0610/index.htm

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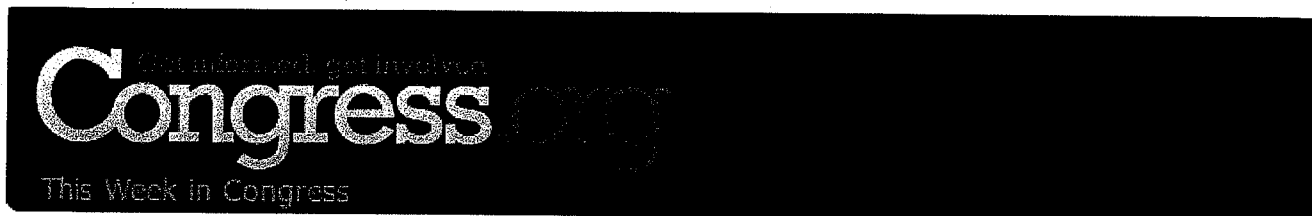
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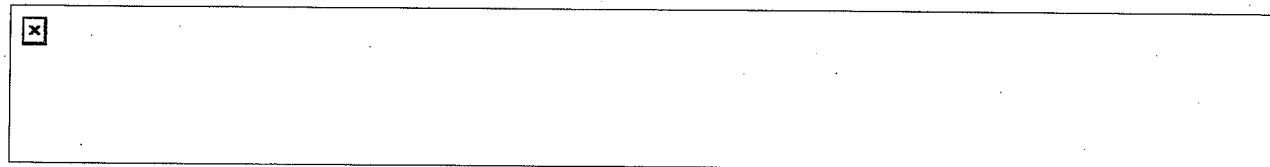
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Greenshields, Rachel**From:** Congress.org [congressorg@capwiz.com]**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2010 9:27 PM**To:** Hieftje, John**Subject:** Register Now to Send Letters

March 15, 2010

**A Change to Congress.org**

We're making some changes to Congress.org this week.

Starting late Wednesday night, you will need to be a registered user in order to send a letter to Congress or the president. (You will not need to register to continue receiving the newsletter.)

Registration is free and painless. Just go to www.congress.org/register, enter your e-mail address and you'll be ready to go in less than a minute.

We will not share your personal information with any third parties. (You can read our [terms and conditions](#) here.)

We'll also be making the process of sending a letter smoother and easier in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail editor@congress.org.

Congressional Staffers Eye the Boss' Job

Some Members of Congress get their jobs the old-fashioned way: By apprenticing for them.

Since World War II, the number of seats in Congress occupied by former Congressional staffers has dramatically increased, with many in the positions once held by their former bosses.

In the current session of Congress alone, 75 one-time staffers are now Members, including Sen. Susan Collins

What's New**Get on Your Soapbox**

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Want to track votes cast by your Members of Congress? [Sign up](#) for our regular MegaVote newsletter.

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(photo), according to CQ's Politics in America. Of this group, a survey by Congress.org found that over two dozen inherited the seats of retired Members they once worked for.

And at least six staffers are currently vying for seats in elections coming up this year.

[Read more about Congressional staffers who run for office.](#)

[See a list of 28 Members who took their former boss' job in Congress.](#)

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Take a Stand: Consumer financial regulator



Senate Democrats are preparing a proposal to create a new regulator of consumer financial services products.

Under a bill being written by Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), a new division of the Federal Reserve would write rules about mortgages, credit cards and other consumer products, but it would not enforce the rules.

The proposal reflects compromises suggested by Republican senators during negotiations which have since ended. The new plan is not expected to get much GOP support.

Click the appropriate link below to send your letter to Obama and your Members of Congress.

Create a Consumer Financial Services Regulator

Support Sen. Dodd's proposal

Leave Financial Regulation Alone

Oppose Sen. Dodd's proposal

More than 2,500 letters were sent through Congress.org in [our previous question](#) about Don't Ask Don't Tell, with 64 percent opposed to changing the policy and 36 percent in favor of ending it.

Congress Q&A: Can Justices Be Impeached?



Do you have a question about Congress?

Every week, Congressional reporter Leah Carliner answers your questions about how Congress works, what's really in legislation being considered and where you can learn more on your own.

This week's question: "**Can members of the Supreme Court be impeached?**" – Murray Brill.

[Click here to read the answer.](#)

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Health: Inside the SEIU War Room



Some of the most influential strategy on health care was

developed not on Capitol Hill, but two miles away in what looks like an ordinary office building.

On the first floor of its D.C. headquarters, Service Employees International United has created a war room to lead labor's fight for an overhaul of the nation's health system. At its crux, the space combines SEIU's grassroots and national efforts into a unified voice for passing the bill.

A handful of televisions adorn the walls, providing round-the-clock coverage of what politicians and lobby groups are saying on health care. Researchers diligently take notes, shuffling fact-check notices to a team of communicators that is in constant contact with media and local labor activists.

[Read more about the SEIU's war room.](#)

Environment: Campaign for Climate Bill Kicks Off

Dozens of activists from nine groups kicked off a 40-day countdown to Earth Day last Thursday, vowing that this year's environmental celebration would be more political than in years past.

The groups representing war veterans, religious communities, and business leaders said they would take action to get Congress to pass a climate change and clean energy bill. They called their advocacy push an "Earth Day Revolution."

"For our generation, this is a battle for our existence," Reverend Lennox Yearwood, Jr., head of the Hip Hop Caucus, said at a press conference on Capitol Hill Thursday.

Representatives from the Truman National Security Project, Environment America, League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Rock the Vote, and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People also spoke.

[Read more about the campaign kick-off.](#)

A Brief History of Reconciliation



The next step in the health care debate centers on a procedural move known as reconciliation.

The budget reconciliation process would allow Democrats to avoid a filibuster of legislation to amend a health care bill — a necessity since the Jan. 19 election of Scott P. Brown (R-Mass.) knocked the Senate Democratic majority down to 59 senators.

Sixty votes, or a three-fifths majority, are needed in the Senate to limit debate and end a filibuster.

In addition, only a simple majority is needed to pass a bill under reconciliation process, which means Democrats need 50 votes with Vice President Joe Biden as the tie-breaker. Debate on a reconciliation measure is limited to 20 hours in the Senate.

[Read more about the history of reconciliation.](#)

Manifestos Make a Comeback



Political manifestos are making a comeback.

Recent efforts to define the conservative political resurgence have drawn on the long history of manifesto-writing in American history.

Signed by a diverse group of 80 conservative leaders in February near George Washington's home, the Mount Vernon Statement called for a return to "Constitutional conservatism" and drew parallels with a similar effort 50 years ago.

The statement attempted to draw together "economic conservatives," "social conservatives" and "national security conservatives" by calling for an energetic, but limited federal government.

[Read more about the use of manifestos by grassroots movements.](#)

In Other News

From our blog: [Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan has set her sights on President Obama.](#) She'll be protesting along with others on the National Mall this week. ... [Immigration overhaul advocates will be rallying on March 21 in Washington.](#) ... [Some Tea Partiers are putting away the costumes and dressing in suits to meet with Congress.](#) ... [A new "Coffee Party" aims to counter with a more liberal approach.](#) ... [A new online video makes "you" a target of a Glenn Beck monologue.](#) ... [Another online video uses Heidi Montag in a bathtub to make its point.](#) ... [Meantime, advocates for musicians are using an inflatable pig to attack radio companies.](#) ... [And some conservatives are honking mad about health care.](#)

From CQ Politics: [Health care ads are hitting a fever pitch this week.](#)

Bills of the Week

Some recently introduced bills you might find interesting:

H.Res.1160: Calls for the establishment of a "Marshall Plan" for the country of Haiti to coordinate responses from international banks, aid programs and nonprofits. Sponsor: Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.)

H.Res.1176: Bans Congressional earmarks and relief on taxes or tariffs which benefits only a limited group. Sponsor: Rep. Paul Hodes (D-N.H.)

H.Res.1178: Requires cost estimates from the Congressional Budget Office be included in reports and public Web sites about legislation. Sponsor: Rep. Scott Murphy (D-N.Y.)

H.Res.1181: Calls on the United Nations General Assembly to reject the application of Iran to a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Council. Sponsor: Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (D-Mich.)

How They Voted

Tax Extenders Act of 2009

The Senate passed this bill that would extend unemployment insurance and COBRA health care subsidies through December 31 and would prevent a cut in physicians' Medicare reimbursement rates. The bill now goes to the House.

Vote: 62-36 in the Senate, 2 Not Voting

Afghanistan War Powers Resolution

The House rejected this resolution that aimed to set a withdrawal timeline for U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Vote: 65-356, 9 Not Voting

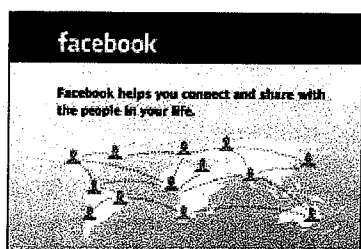
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10:00 Using Social Media To Increase

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10:50 Communicating In The Cloud:
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1:55 Strategic Use Of Social Media In
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New Immigrant Rights Campaign to Mount Largest March of Obama Era

By Randy Shaw Beyond Chron March 15, 2010

<http://www.beyondchron.org/news/index.php?itemid=7907>

"I cannot underscore strongly enough how pissed off the base is over the lack of action"

Gabe Gonzalez, Center for Community Change

Last week, immigrant rights groups became the first major progressive constituency to issue a release publicly denouncing the Obama Administration. Blasting the White House for "escalating deportations and detentions" while taking no action toward enacting comprehensive immigration reform, national immigrant rights leaders are escalating a pressure campaign that will feature the largest march of the Obama presidency in Washington DC on March 21. The march comes amidst growing frustration over the President's failure to advance an issue that galvanized enough Latinos to the polls in 2006 to give Democrats control of the House, and which helped elect Obama president in November 2008.

Within days of the public criticism, the President met with activists to frankly discuss the political realities of moving forward. Having used massive marches in cities across the nation to put immigration reform in the national spotlight in 2006, activists are now returning to this tactic as part of new campaign to escalate pressure on Obama and Democratic Congressional leaders. The goal is to finally pass comprehensive reform this year.

After activists came close to winning comprehensive immigration reform in 2006 and 2007, the election of Barack Obama and Democratic control of Congress seemingly made enactment a certainty in either 2009 or early 2010. Given the steep political cost of inaction - Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and dozens of Democratic Congressmembers need large Latino turnouts to keep their seats - one would have thought that the Democratic Party would act quickly on this signature issue.

Congressman Luis Gutierrez certainly thought so. The strong immigrant rights advocate told the UNITE HERE convention in June 2009 that President Obama had assured him that if a comprehensive reform measure were not introduced in 2009, it would happen at the start of 2010.

But after Obama devoted but a single sentence to immigration reform in his State of the Union speech, and March 2010 began with no legislation even on the horizon, activists decided to take matters into their own hands.

The March for America

Organized by the Center for Community Change (CCC), the March 21 event will be the largest protest march since President Barack Obama took office. It will include activist groups from nearly every state, and revives the labor-religious-community coalition that built the mass marches of 2006.

According to lead CCC March organizer Gabe Gonzalez, SEIU, UNITE HERE, LIUNA and the UFCW have all committed to mobilize for the march. Gonzalez also told me "the churches are totally on board," with evangelical churches - which have seen a steady rise in Latinos - playing a larger role than in 2006. Such faith-based activist networks as Gamaliel, PICO and the IAF are also involved, which means that a large cadre of very experienced organizers is involved in ensuring the event's success.

Having written about how the immigrants rights movement was built, and then exploded onto the public stage in 2006, the reassembling of this movement in Washington DC next Sunday is significant. It means that many of the nation's most strategic organizers from diverse fields - labor, immigrant rights, faith-based activism - are again working in concert to protect the over 10 million undocumented immigrants who face deportation and the break-up of their families due to the government's failure to legalize their status.

And while the march sends a powerful message, Gonzalez and key organizers know that even more important is what happens afterward.

The New Immigrant Rights Campaign

Following the march, activists plan to turn out in large numbers to the Town Hall meetings that congress members will hold during the two week recess starting March 29. The traditional media gave massive coverage to Tea Party members attending town halls last August, and should be under pressure to provide something close to that coverage for the immigrant rights activism at these upcoming events.

On April 10, there will be an immigrant rights rally in Las Vegas with Senator Reid. Reid knows his re-election depends on massive Latino turnout in November, and immigrant rights advocates are sending a message that they will mobilize for him provided he provides leadership on legalization.

Other rallies are also planned, but the chief focus will be on pressuring legislators to support legislation that activists now expect to be introduced in April. The key issue that divided progressives in the past - the treatment of guest worker programs - is likely to be resolved through various potential compromises, including the possible appointment of an independent commission to regulate such programs.

Because the groups aligned with the CCC-spawned "Fair Immigration Reform Movement" have weaker ties to the Democratic Party than do some of the key health care advocacy groups, the upcoming campaign will not hesitate to publicly criticize wavering Democrats. Gonzalez has already made it clear that "we expect the Democratic leadership to act as leaders and hold their Party's votes," and said New York Senator Chuck Schumer - who would be the lead Democratic Senator on the immigration bill - has "got the ball and he's got to get off the dime."

The Politics of Reform

Both President Obama and activists recognize that immigration legislation requires some Republican support in the Senate. This is not as impossible as it seems: recall that John McCain once co-sponsored a legalization bill, and Maine's two Republican Senators, along with Lindsey Graham (SC), Judd Gregg (NH), Scott Brown (MA) and George Voinovich (OH) are potential yes votes.

Facing a primary challenge from a right-wing former Congressman whose anti-immigrant attacks cost him his seat in 2006, McCain no longer supports legalization. But a grassroots pressure campaign that includes religious groups could potentially sway enough Republican Senators to avoid a filibuster, and Reid can use his clout to prevent any Democrat from joining a filibuster, even if they eventually vote against the bill.

So comprehensive immigration reform that offers a feasible path to legalization remains winnable this year. And for President Obama and other Democrats looking to fulfill their 2008 campaign promises to Latino voters, moving the legislation as far as it can go is essential.

This means requiring Republicans to actually take to the floor and spend day and night on the filibuster, clearly exposing GOP obstructionism - rather than the Democrats' betrayal - as the cause of legislative inaction. Republicans have paid a steep political price for opposing legalization, and with key Senate contests upcoming in Colorado, Nevada, and Florida, and other states where Latino voters could prove the difference, Republican Senators may want to avoid a high-profile opposition strategy that galvanizes Latinos to come out and vote against them.

In a recent speech on health care reform, President Obama countered calls for delay by stating, "If not now, when?" The same argument applies to comprehensive immigration

reform, which is why activists are mounting this unprecedented grassroots campaign to win legalization for millions of families this year.

Randy Shaw is the author of *Beyond the Fields: Cesar Chavez, the UFW and the Struggle for Justice in the 21st Century*.

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Why I Changed My Mind About School Reform

Federal testing has narrowed education and charter schools have failed to live up to their promise.

By Diane Ravitch
Wall Street Journal
March 9, 2010

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I have been a historian of American education since 1975, when I received my doctorate from Columbia. I have written histories, and I've also written extensively about the need to improve students' knowledge of history, literature, geography, science, civics and foreign languages. So in 1991, when Lamar Alexander and David Kearns invited me to become assistant secretary of education in the administration of George H.W. Bush, I jumped at the chance with the hope that I might promote voluntary state and national standards in these subjects.

By the time I left government service in January 1993, I was an advocate not only for standards but for school choice. I had come to believe that standards and choice could co-exist as they do in the private sector. With my friends Chester Finn Jr. and Joseph Viteritti, I wrote and edited books and articles making the case for charter schools and accountability.

I became a founding board member of the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation and a founding member of the Koret Task Force at the Hoover Institution, both of which are fervent proponents of choice and accountability. The Koret group includes some of the nation's best-known conservative scholars of choice, including John Chubb, Terry Moe, Caroline Hoxby and Paul Peterson.

As No Child Left Behind's (NCLB) accountability regime took over the nation's schools under President George W. Bush and more and more charter schools were launched, I supported these initiatives. But over time, I became disillusioned with the strategies that once seemed so promising. I no longer believe that either approach will produce the quantum improvement in American education that we all hope for.

NCLB received overwhelming bipartisan support when it was signed into law by President Bush in 2002. The law requires that schools test all students every year in grades three through eight, and report their scores separately by race, ethnicity, low-income status, disability status and limited-English proficiency. NCLB mandated that 100% of students would reach proficiency in reading and math by 2014, as measured by tests given in each state.

Although this target was generally recognized as utopian, schools faced draconian penalties-eventually including closure or privatization-if every group in the school did not make adequate yearly progress. By 2008, 35% of the nation's public schools were labeled "failing schools," and that number seems sure to grow each year as the deadline nears.

Since the law permitted every state to define "proficiency" as it chose, many states announced impressive gains. But the states' claims of startling improvement were contradicted by the federally sponsored National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Eighth grade students improved not at all on the federal test of reading even though they had been tested annually by their states in 2003, 2004, 2005,

2006 and 2007.

Meanwhile the states responded to NCLB by dumbing down their standards so that they could claim to be making progress. Some states declared that between 80%-90% of their students were proficient, but on the federal test only a third or less were. Because the law demanded progress only in reading and math, schools were incentivized to show gains only on those subjects.

Hundreds of millions of dollars were invested in test- preparation materials. Meanwhile, there was no incentive to teach the arts, science, history, literature, geography, civics, foreign languages or physical education.

In short, accountability turned into a nightmare for American schools, producing graduates who were drilled regularly on the basic skills but were often ignorant about almost everything else. Colleges continued to complain about the poor preparation of entering students, who not only had meager knowledge of the world but still required remediation in basic skills.

This was not my vision of good education.

When charter schools started in the early 1990s, their supporters promised that they would unleash a new era of innovation and effectiveness. Now there are some 5,000 charter schools, which serve about 3% of the nation's students, and the Obama administration is pushing for many more.

But the promise has not been fulfilled. Most studies of charter schools acknowledge that they vary widely in quality. The only major national evaluation of charter schools was carried out by Stanford economist Margaret Raymond and funded by pro-charter foundations. Her group found that compared to regular public schools, 17% of charters got higher test scores, 46% had gains that were no different than their public counterparts, and 37% were significantly worse.

Charter evaluations frequently note that as compared to neighboring public schools, charters enroll smaller proportions of students whose English is limited and students with disabilities. The students who are hardest to educate are left to regular public schools, which makes comparisons between the two sectors unfair.

The higher graduation rate posted by charters often reflects the fact that they are able to "counsel out"

the lowest performing students; many charters have very high attrition rates (in some, 50%-60% of those who start fall away). Those who survive do well, but this is not a model for public education, which must educate all children.

NAEP compared charter schools and regular public schools in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. Sometimes one sector or the other had a small advantage. But on the whole, there is very little performance difference between them.

Given the weight of studies, evaluations and federal test data, I concluded that deregulation and privately managed charter schools were not the answer to the deep-seated problems of American education. If anything, they represent tinkering around the edges of the system. They affect the lives of tiny numbers of students but do nothing to improve the system that enrolls the other 97%.

The current emphasis on accountability has created a punitive atmosphere in the schools. The Obama administration seems to think that schools will improve if we fire teachers and close schools. They do not recognize that schools are often the anchor of their communities, representing values, traditions and ideals that have persevered across decades. They also fail to recognize that the best predictor of low academic performance is poverty-not bad teachers.

What we need is not a marketplace, but a coherent curriculum that prepares all students. And our government should commit to providing a good school in every neighborhood in the nation, just as we strive to provide a good fire company in every community.

On our present course, we are disrupting communities, dumbing down our schools, giving students false reports of their progress, and creating a private sector that will undermine public education without improving it.

Most significantly, we are not producing a generation of students who are more knowledgeable, and better prepared for the responsibilities of citizenship. That is why I changed my mind about the current direction of school reform.

Ms. Ravitch is author of "The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education," published last week by Basic Books.

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By James Parks
AFL-CIO blog
March 15, 2010

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Starting today, the union movement and our allies are taking our fight for good jobs now to the biggest Wall Street banks whose reckless greed has gone a long way to wreck the U.S. economy and kill American jobs.

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boathouse.558 washington av., BELLEVILLE, NJ

March 17 11:39 AM St Patricks Day Parade St. Patricks Day Parade we will have people in
parade carrying placards on job loss and wall ... Emma Park Butte, MT

March 17 12:00 PM Bail Out the People!! Union Members along with citizen activists will
join together at the Wells Fargo / Wachovia office ... Laidley Tower 500 Lee Street East
Charleston, WV

March 17 02:00 PM Jobs Rally This is a rally for JOBS!!! In Seattle, our construction
market is facing unprecedented ... Westlake Park 401 Pine Street Downtown Seattle, WA

March 17 02:00 PM Jobs Now Rally Describe your event here. (The AFL-CIO may replace or
revise this text if
needed.) Westlake Park 401 Pine St. Seattle, WA

March 17 04:30 PM Good Jobs Now! Make Wall Street Pay Trial of the Tycoons! Tues. Marchch
16 4:30-5:30 pm @ JP Morgan Chase Corner of ... 22 E. Mifflin St.
Madison, WI

March 18 04:30 AM Join the Posse to Make Banks Pay Demonstration outside Bank of America
- with WANTED theme Bank of America Elm Street Manchester NH Manchester, NH

March 18 12:00 PM Good Jobs Now: Make Wall Street Pay Bank of America, 10 Fountain Plaza
Buffalo, NY

March 18 04:00 PM Make Wall Street Pay The reckless greed of big Wall Street banks has
helped wreck the American economy and kill ... Morgan Stanley Smith Barney 801 Grand
Avenue Des Moines, IA

March 18 04:00 PM Good Jobs Now! Make Wall Street Pay Rally Union members and community
allies will hold a rally in Jersey City to demand good jobs now. ... Owen Grundy Park
Exchange Place Jersey City, NJ

March 18 04:30 PM Good Jobs Now Rally Bank of America
1155 Elm Street Manchester, NH

March 19 12:00 AM Bank Action A group of Local Union activist are doing a hanbill at the
Bank Of America in Johnson City TN on ... Bank Of America West Marchket Street Johnson
City , TN

March 19 11:30 AM Make the Banks Pay Please join the Schuylkill County CLC at an action
at Wachovia Bank in Pottsville, PA -- where we ... Wachovia Bank, 101 N.
Centre Street Pottsville, PA

March 19 11:45 AM Make Banks Pay Join national AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka,
Philadelphia AFL-CIO President Pat Eiding, and ... Paine Plaza, 15th and JFK across from
City Hall Philadelphia, PA

March 19 12:00 PM Omaha Good Jobs Demonstration News Conference and Demonstration in
front of the Wells Fargo Bank in North Omaha Front of Wells Fargo Bank 5180 Ames Street
Omaha, NE

March 19 12:00 PM Leaflet at Bank of America 15-20 folks to leaflet outside the Bank of
America on Main Street in Worcester, MA. Bank of America, 365 Main St., Worcester, MA @
noon. Worcester, MA

March 19 12:05 PM Good Jobs Now News Conference and Demonstration This event will consist
of a news conference and demonstration in front of the Bank of America ... Bank of America
Plaza 800 Marchket Street St. Louis, MO

March 19 04:30 PM Town Hall Town Hall where they will reach outto Community and Labor to

have a discussion on the Job Crisis ... CWA Hall 1408 North Washington AVE Dallas, TX 75204 Dallas, TX

March 20 09:00 AM Bank Event 303 Roma NW Albuquerque, NM

March 20 10:00 AM Good Jobs Now Rally We plan to meet at the Bank of America on Main Street and march to Wells Fargo on Gay Street. ... Bank of America on Main Street, downtown Knoxville, TN Knoxville, TN

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March 20 10:00 AM JOBS IS JOB ONE Calling out Bank of America for their contribution to the 10 million jobs lost. Bank of America branch located 7802 Abercorn St (corner of Abercorn & Mall Blvd) Savannah, GA

March 22 11:30 AM Make Banks Pay Join Clark Ruppert, York-Adams CLC President and labor activists as distribute information to the ... Wachovia Bank, 12 E Marchket Square York, PA

March 22 11:30 AM Jobs for Kentucky We want to tell Finanical institutes that Americans needs jobs. We can't build a strong economy ... Bank of America 3401 Park Avenue Paducah, KY 42001 Paducah, KY

March 22 02:00 PM Good Jobs Now! Make Wall Street Pay Still fine tuning - press event with group of local union leaders, clc leaders, activists, ... Hartford Hilton 315 Trumbull Street to walk to Bank of America, 185 Asylum St., Hartford, CT 06103 Hartford, CT

March 22 04:00 PM Morgan Stanley 100 Erieview Plaza Cleveland, OH

March 22 05:00 PM Good Jobs Now! Gathering in front of Wells Fargo asking the bank to invest in our neighborhoods and community ... Wells Fargo Bank - Downtown 2334 Central Avenue Unit 1 Billings, MT 59102 Billings, MT

March 23 12:00 PM Bank Action Doing a Demo at JP Morgan Down Town Louisville to reveal jobs that big banks have stolen JP Morgan 416 West Jefferson Street Louisville, KY

March 23 12:00 PM Banks to payback Bailout \$ to Community Volunteers to picket 2 banks cross from each other, Bank of America and Wachovia Asheville, NC

March 23 12:00 PM Union members, community and faith based members gather at BoA Hearst Tower in Charlotte, NC to ... Same location, One Wachovia Center, Charlotte, NC Charlotte,, NC

March 23 12:00 PM Make Wall Street Pay to Restore Jobs Working Men and Women of Western North Carolina come together to protest Wall Street Banks that ... PRITCHARD PARK Middle of Battery Park Area of Downtown Asheville Triangle made by Patton Avenue, Haywood Street, and College Street Asheville, NC 1 attendee

March 23 04:30 PM Wall Street Action- Dayton, OH We will rally at the corner of 3rd and Main St., then we will march across the street to the front ... Meet at the corner of 3rd and Main Streets. Dayton, OH

March 24 11:30 AM Bank of America Leaflet We are coming together outside the Bank of America to let them know that working people can longer ... Bank of America 1130 K Street Sacramento, CA

March 24 11:30 AM Hog Calling Contest Join labor and community leaders call out greedy Wall Street banks on their greedyness at this hog ... 301 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA

March 24 11:55 AM Make the Banks Pay Marchch on Bank of America Boston MA Boston, MA

March 24 12:00 PM Make Banks Pay Protest of Wall Street vs. Main Street 11th & King Street, Wilmington, DE

March 24 12:00 PM Bank Leaflet Bank of America Leaflet in front of Bank of America in New Bedford Bank of America, 700 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA 02740 New Bedford, MA

March 24 12:00 PM Job Action Atlanta CLC will be doing a demo at the Bank Of America on Peachtree ST Atlanta CLC 501 Pulliam Street Atlanta, GA

March 24 12:00 PM "Good Jobs Now" Rally Tell Bank of America and CHASE to PAY UP! It's time for Wall Street to pay to create GOOD JOBS ... Beginning at Bank of America: 1418 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, CA and ending at CHASE on Main and Washington Santa Ana, CA

March 24 02:00 PM Good Jobs Now! MorganStanley- SmithBarney 221 East 4th St. Cincinnati, OH

March 24 04:00 PM Tell Wells Fargo, "We're Not Your ATM" Tell Wells Fargo, "We're Not Your ATM" Join labor and community members as we deliver a message to ... Wells Fargo Bank 2610 Colombia Rd Grand Forks, ND

March 25 10:30 AM Bank Action Bank of America Press event with leaflets at the Bank of America, 1 City Center near Monument Square in Portland, ... Monument Square Portland, ME

March 25 10:30 AM Bank Action Bank of America Press Event at Bank of America on Exchange St. in Bangor Bank of America, 80 Exchange St., Bangor, ME 04401 Bangor, ME

March 25 11:30 AM Bank Action Bank Action at Bank of America Bank of America 200 Couch Drive Oklahoma City , OK

March 25 12:00 PM Protest at Citibank Headquarters Protest in front of Citibank Headquarters in Downtown Miami. Press Conference distribute Pay Up ... Citibank Headquarters 120 S. Biscayne Blvd. (Across From Bayfront Park) Miami, FL

March 25 12:00 PM Leaflet Bank Of America Leaflet Bank of America in Downtown Providence Bank of America, Kennedy Plaza Providence, RI

March 25 03:00 PM City Council Jobs Hearing Boston area unionists and leaders will testify before the city council at a hearing about jobs. Boston City Council Boston, MA

March 25 03:30 PM Make Wall Street Pay for Main Street Calling for Wall Street to act responsibly and invest in Nevada. We call on banks to invest capital ... Wells Fargo Branch TBD Las Vegas, NV

March 25 04:00 PM Details still being worked out Wells Fargo Lincoln, NE March 25 04:00 PM

Make Wall Street Pay Demonstration in front of the Wells Fargo Bank Front of Wells Fargo Bank 600 4th Street Sioux City, IA

March 25 04:30 PM Bank of America - Bank Action Union activists and members of the community join together to leaflet, protesting the financial ... In front of the Guardian Building Downtown Detroit 500 Griswold Detroit, MI

March 25 05:00 PM Make Wall Street Pay Expressing Outrage at Wall Street and holding them accountable for the economic mess. Wells Fargo Branch tbd Missoula, MT

March 25 10:00 PM Bank Action Calling out Banks Harris County CLC 2506 Sutherland Houston, TX 77023 Houston , TX

March 25 11:50 PM Good Jobs Now! Describe your event here. (The AFL-CIO may replace or revise this text if needed.) Bank of America Norristown, PA

March 26 12:00 AM 'Bank Action Bank Action. It will take place on Marchch 26 @ 10 am. It will be outside of Wells Fargo building. ... Wells Fargo. 401 B. Street, San Diego, CA 92101 San Diego, CA 1 attendee

March 26 04:00 AM Good Jobs Now Will be meeting @ Labor Temple 225-16th St. Boise, ID 83702 @ 3:30 and walk to B of A via 16th ... Labor Temple 225-16th St. Boise, ID 83702 Boise, ID

March 26 12:00 PM Bank of America Kansas City, KS Demonstration News conference and demonstration Bank of America Kansas City, KS 100 goal for turnout Bank of America Location to be determined Kansas City, KS

March 26 12:00 PM Good Jobs Now! Make Wall Street Pay
21 East State Street Columbus, OH March 26 01:00 PM

UNITED Against Bank of UN-America Working families from the Central Florida AFL-CIO along with community partners, students and ... Central FL CLC office 231 E Colonial Drive Orlando Fl 32809 Orlando, FL

March 26 04:00 PM Good Jobs Now! Make Wall Street Pay We will be meeting at the Rochester Labor temple to meet, greet and train for the event, then ... SE MN Area Labor Council office 11- 4th st SE Rochester, MN

March 27 12:00 PM Bank Action The Arkansas AFL-CIO is holding COPE conf in Hot Springs AR they will do this action at 12:00 noon ... Cental Ave Bank of America Hot Springs, AR

March 31 12:00 AM Community to Banks: PAY TO FIX YOUR FINANCIAL MESS TBD Tampa, FL

March 31 12:00 PM Picket Bank of America Picket Bank of America Monarch Place, corner of Main Street and Boland Way Springfield, MA

March 31 06:00 PM Portland Community Forum Over the course of the economic crisis, there has been compelling and all too common testimony ... Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center 5600 NE 42nd Ave, Portland, OR, 97218 Portland, OR

Apr 05 05:30 PM Good Jobs Now - Make Wall Street Pay!

March & rally in downtown Oakland, CA to demand good jobs and an end to foreclosures in our ... Downtown Oakland - watch www.alamedalabor.org or Facebook/AlamedaLabor for exact location Oakland, CA

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Subject: Fiction of Marjah as City Was US Information War

Fiction of Marjah as City Was US Information War

By Gareth Porter
Inter Press Service
March 9, 2010

<http://www.truthout.org/fiction-marja-city-was-us-information-war57470>

For weeks, the U.S. public followed the biggest offensive of the Afghanistan War against what it was told was a "city of 80,000 people" as well as the logistical hub of the Taliban in that part of Helmand.

That idea was a central element in the overall impression built up in February that Marja was a major strategic objective, more important than other district centres in Helmand.

It turns out, however, that the picture of Marja presented by military officials and obediently reported by major news media is one of the clearest and most dramatic pieces of misinformation of the entire war, apparently aimed at hyping the offensive as a historic turning point in the conflict.

Marja is not a city or even a real town, but either a few clusters of farmers' homes or a large agricultural area covering much of the southern Helmand River Valley.

"It's not urban at all," an official of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), who asked not to be identified, admitted to IPS Sunday. He called Marja a "rural community".

"It's a collection of village farms, with typical family compounds," said the official, adding that the homes are reasonably prosperous by Afghan standards.

Richard B. Scott, who worked in Marja as an adviser on irrigation for the U.S. Agency for International Development as recently as 2005, agrees that Marja has nothing that could be mistaken as being urban. It is an "agricultural district" with a "scattered series of farmers' markets," Scott told IPS in a telephone interview.

The ISAF official said the only population numbering tens of thousands associated with Marja is spread across many villages and almost 200 square kilometres, or about 125 square miles.

Marja has never even been incorporated, according to the official, but there are now plans to formalise its status as an actual "district" of Helmand Province.

The official admitted that the confusion about Marja's population was facilitated by the fact that the name has been used both for the relatively large agricultural area and for a specific location where farmers have gathered for markets.

However, the name Marja "was most closely associated" with the more specific location, where there are also a mosque and a few shops.

That very limited area was the apparent objective of "Operation Moshtarak", to which 7,500 U.S., NATO and Afghan troops were committed amid the most intense publicity given any battle since the beginning of the war.

So how did the fiction that Marja is a city of 80,000 people get started?

The idea was passed on to the news media by the U.S. Marines in southern Helmand. The earliest references in news stories to Marja as a city with a large population have a common origin in a briefing given Feb. 2 by officials at

Camp Leatherneck, the U.S. Marine base there.

The Associated Press published an article the same day quoting "Marine commanders" as saying that they expected 400 to 1,000 insurgents to be "holed up" in the "southern Afghan town of 80,000 people." That language evoked an image of house to house urban street fighting.

The same story said Marja was "the biggest town under Taliban control" and called it the "linchpin of the militants' logistical and opium-smuggling network". It gave the figure of 125,000 for the population living in "the town and surrounding villages". ABC news followed with a story the next day referring to the "city of Marja" and claiming that the city and the surrounding area "are more heavily populated, urban and dense than other places the Marines have so far been able to clear and hold."

The rest of the news media fell into line with that image of the bustling, urbanised Marja in subsequent stories, often using "town" and "city" interchangeably. Time magazine wrote about the "town of 80,000" Feb. 9, and the Washington Post did the same Feb. 11.

As "Operation Moshtarak" began, U.S. military spokesmen were portraying Marja as an urbanised population centre. On Feb. 14, on the second day of the offensive, Marine spokesman Lt. Josh Diddams said the Marines were "in the majority of the city at this point."

He also used language that conjured images of urban fighting, referring to the insurgents holding some "neighbourhoods".

A few days into the offensive, some reporters began to refer to a "region", but only created confusion rather than clearing the matter up. CNN managed to refer to Marja twice as a "region" and once as "the city" in the same Feb. 15 article, without any explanation for the apparent contradiction.

The Associated Press further confused the issue in a Feb. 21 story, referring to "three markets in town - which covers 80 square miles.."

A "town" with an area of 80 square miles would be bigger than such U.S. cities as Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Cleveland. But AP failed to notice that something was seriously wrong with that reference.

Long after other media had stopped characterising Marja as a city, the New York Times was still referring to Marja as "a city of 80,000", in a Feb. 26 dispatch with a Marja dateline.

The decision to hype up Marja as the objective of "Operation Moshtarak" by planting the false impression that it is a good-sized city would not have been made independently by the Marines at Camp Leatherneck.

A central task of "information operations" in counterinsurgency wars is "establishing the COIN [counterinsurgency] narrative", according to the Army Counterinsurgency Field Manual as revised under Gen.

David Petraeus in 2006.

That task is usually done by "higher headquarters" rather than in the field, as the manual notes.

The COIN manual asserts that news media "directly influence the attitude of key audiences toward counterinsurgents, their operations and the opposing insurgency." The manual refers to "a war of perceptions.conducted continuously using the news media."

Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, commander of ISAF, was clearly preparing to wage such a war in advance of the Marja operation. In remarks made just before the offensive began, McChrystal invoked the language of the counterinsurgency manual, saying, "This is all a war of perceptions."

The Washington Post reported Feb. 22 that the decision to launch the offensive against Marja was intended largely to impress U.S. public opinion with the effectiveness of the U.S. military in Afghanistan by showing that it could achieve a "large and loud victory."

The false impression that Marja was a significant city was an essential part of that message.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Kyle V. Mazurek [Kyle@annarborchamber.org]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 8:59 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Next Tuesday's Downtown Marketing Taskforce

Hi Mayor,

Any agenda items for next Tuesday's Downtown Marketing Taskforce?

Per Kosteva's suggestion, has there been any movement with regard to the commercial loading zone permitting program, such that we could receive an update, or provide some feedback if the program has begun to take shape?

I'll send out a general reminder later on in the week.

Thanks,
Kyle

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Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 7:52 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezhinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Slotten, Cresson; Hupy, Craig; Stone, Nancy Y; 'Melinda Uerling'; 'Jim Frey'; 'michaelg [REDACTED]'; 'John Getzloff'; 'Atul Nanda'; Fraser, Roger
Subject: RE: Single Stream Recycling
Attachments: Summary Charts for Council 3-15-10.pdf; RecycleBank Charts for Council 3-15-10.pdf

Attached are some additional charts for review. We will pass out hard copies tonight.

Tom

From: McMurtrie, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:31 PM
To: Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezhinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
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Subject: FW: Single Stream Recycling

Attached for your review is our response to this report. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Tom McMurtrie

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From: glenn thompson [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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To: Anglin, Mike; Briere, Sabra; Derezhinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Rapundalo, Stephen; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
Subject: Single Stream Recycling

The attached report documents the disadvantages of single stream recycling. It is researched and referenced.

I would like to bring several points of the report to your attention. The Minutes of the

3/16/2010

Commercial Recycling Implementation Committee of Thursday, June 15, 2006 state that only 35 percent of the material processed by the MRF is collected in the City of Ann Arbor. You are asked to spend over \$6.5 million Ann Arbor tax dollars to reduce the cost of recycling in Washtenaw County, Wayne County and even Toledo, Ohio.

The other point is that progressive public bodies have investigated single stream recycling and have rejected it. One example is the City of Berkeley California. Another is the University of Colorado; Dan Baril, Colorado University's Recycling Program Manager said: "It (the single-stream pilot program) made it easier for people to collect the recyclables, but all of the other negatives outweighed just the few benefits."

You are asked to spend \$6 to \$7 million on a new speculative program while at the same time you are told that services to the Ann Arbor taxpayer must be cut; services from the same money "bucket". You are told the city may not be able to afford to do the street leaf collection, that the city may not be able to afford to pick up Christmas trees from residences.

The issue is very simple, will this Ann Arbor City Council vote to spend 6 to 7 million tax dollars to benefit consultants and contractors, or will you retrain the programs that benefit the taxpayer?

Glenn Thompson

| | FY 10/11 | FY 11/12 | FY 12/13 | FY 13/14 | FY 14/15 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| RecycleBank Benefits | | | | | |
| Increase in Tonnage | 2,363 | 4,201 | 4,201 | 4,201 | 4,201 |
| Revenue Increase | \$ 42,651 | \$ 106,826 | \$ 175,635 | \$ 131,023 | \$ 86,410 |
| Avoided Disposal Increase | \$ 53,793 | \$ 98,409 | \$ 101,271 | \$ 104,219 | \$ 107,256 |
| Total Financial Benefit | \$ 96,444 | \$ 205,235 | \$ 276,906 | \$ 235,242 | \$ 193,666 |
| Market Value Assumption | \$ 90 | \$ 100 | \$ 120 | \$ 110 | \$ 100 |
| RecycleBank Costs | \$ 145,800 | \$ 194,400 | \$ 194,400 | \$ 194,400 | \$ 194,400 |
| Net Revenue (Cost) | \$ (49,356) | \$ 10,835 | \$ 82,506 | \$ 40,842 | \$ (734) |
| Community Rewards Benefit | \$ 7,120,000 | \$ 7,120,000 | \$ 7,120,000 | \$ 7,120,000 | \$ 7,120,000 |

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (0072)
Incremental Budget - Single Stream W/Incentive System

| Baseline | FY 10/11 | FY 11/12 | FY 12/13 | FY 13/14 | FY 14/15 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| RETURN TO FUND BALANCE | | | | | |
| Dumpster Commercial Recycling | \$ 6,924 | \$ 24,181 | \$ 30,567 | \$ 31,500 | \$ 31,500 |
| Curb-Cart Recycling | \$ (279,539) | \$ 379,405 | \$ 438,011 | \$ 494,037 | \$ 251,553 |
| Infrastructure Capital Recovery | \$ 182,967 | \$ 191,616 | \$ 489,388 | \$ 501,072 | \$ 492,760 |
| TOTAL RETURN | \$ (89,648) | \$ 595,203 | \$ 957,966 | \$ 1,026,608 | \$ 775,813 |
| DEDUCT CAPITAL UTILIZATION | \$ 4,761,206 | \$ 19,313 | \$ (3,863) | \$ - | \$ - |
| NET RETURN TO FUND BALANCE | \$ (4,850,854) | \$ (4,274,963) | \$ (3,313,135) | \$ (2,866,527) | \$ (1,610,714) |

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| Deduct Capital Utilization | \$ (20,394) | \$ 19,313 | \$ (3,863) | \$ - | \$ - |
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| Net Return to Fund Balance | \$ 6,924 | \$ 31,106 | \$ 61,672 | \$ 93,172 | \$ 124,672 |

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| Net Return to Fund Balance | \$ (4,598,633) | \$ (4,407,017) | \$ (3,917,629) | \$ (3,416,557) | \$ (2,923,798) |

| Diversion from Landfill | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Curb-side Recycling Tons | 5,084 | 10,708 | 10,708 | 10,708 | 10,708 |
| Multi Family and Commercial Recycling Tons | 11,901 | 18,932 | 20,010 | 20,010 | 20,010 |
| Organics Tons | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 9,800 |
| Landfill Tons | 35,946 | 23,291 | 22,212 | 22,212 | 22,212 |
| Total | 62,731 | 62,731 | 62,731 | 62,731 | 62,731 |
| Diversion Rate | 42.70% | 62.87% | 64.59% | 64.59% | 64.59% |

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Subject: Read: Privileged: File: A09-00754 HDC, LLC v City of Ann Arbor

Your message

To: Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Tamara Real [tamara@a3arts.org]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 7:37 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: NEA letter of intent - 415 West Washington
Attachments: ArtsAllianceStatementofInterest.pdf

Hi Mayor:

Just wanted to let you know that I went forward and submitted the letter of intent to the NEA (Nat'l Endowment for the Arts) for their Mayors' Institute on City Design grant. As I mentioned in my voice mail, I actually think we might be slightly more competitive with the Arts Alliance submitting the grant since the money is coming through the arts endowment. Also, I knew we were all up to date on our passwords, etc. for submitting the federal grant and I was having a little difficulty connecting with the correct person in city hall. We've asked for \$250,000 to pay for a staff position to coordinate the project for the Arts Alliance, architects' and legal fees, and fundraising assistance.

I think it's a long shot, but who knows? Maybe we'll be invited to actually submit a grant proposal. I'll find out April 8 and then, if we're invited to apply, I'll have a month to pull the actual grant proposal together. They're only awarding 15 grants around the country, so I'm not holding my breath, but it would be nice!

David Esau also found another grant we might be able to go for. I'm looking into that now.

See you on Thursday!

Best regards,

Tamara

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Dear Review Committee Members:

The Arts Alliance, in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor, MI, requests permission to apply for \$250,000 for a *Design* project to transform a blighted, vacant, City-owned building into a community arts and cultural center. These funds will be matched by the value of the 22,000 sq.ft. building and adjacent land, estimated at \$1million. The proposed project will run July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and will include all the planning to implement a successful fundraising campaign to renovate the building and manage it efficiently and sustainably into the future.

The timing of this request for statements of interest is fortuitous. On Feb. 1, 2010, the Ann Arbor City Council passed a resolution inviting the Arts Alliance, a 501(c)3 organization, and the Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy (ACGC) to partner with it in rehabilitating the city-owned site at 415 West Washington Street into a greenway park and community arts center. On Feb. 15, the Arts Alliance board of directors accepted the City's invitation. Since then, the Greenway Arts Steering Committee, composed of the Mayor and his assistant, 2 City Council representatives, and 2 representatives each of the ACGC and the Arts Alliance have been meeting regularly to undertake preliminary planning activities. The Mayor is the convener of this group and the City is a full partner with the 2 nonprofit organizations in this endeavor. (For more information, please contact Mayor John Hieftje, 734-994-2766, jhieftje@a2gov.org or Councilwoman Margie Teall, 734-476-2777, mteall@a2gov.org)

This revitalization project is extremely significant for the Ann Arbor community for 3 reasons:

- **Prime Location.** The 2.5-acre site is convenient for potential users: it lies in-between Ann Arbor's main shopping district (3 blocks away) and a well-established neighborhood. Across the street is the large, new YMCA. The site holds the potential to expand and support the downtown retail sector and is widely regarded as the lynchpin in the City's vision to create the Allen Creek Greenway.
- **Pronounced need.** Ann Arbor has long benefited from the cultural vitality of its largest resident, the University of Michigan. As a city, however, it has done little to support its local arts community. For example, no public arts funding, municipal exhibition gallery or performance facility exist here. A 2005 arts space study conducted by the Arts Alliance found a need for about 50,000 sq.ft. of arts space. After years of benign neglect, the arts sector, under the lead of the Arts Alliance, is being recognized as an important contributor to the community's vitality. The City's offer to dedicate this 1920s-era building to the local arts sector is a quantum leap forward and offers the potential to significantly enhance Ann Arbor's identity as an arts destination.
- **Perfect Timing.** The Arts Alliance has wanted to transform 415 West Washington into a community arts center since 2006 when the City announced it would vacate the building. In 2009, the City abandoned a public process that invited developers to renovate 415 West Washington into a mixed-use greenway, residential, and community arts complex after the results seemed to provide inadequate public benefit. The City's new partnership with the Arts Alliance has been widely applauded and the chance to realize the dream of a community arts center and greenway has provided a much-needed ray of sunshine for a Michigan community burdened by a deep economic and psychological malaise.

A. Budget.

The Arts Alliance requests \$250,000 to use for:

- Arts Alliance staff costs (\$60,500). In particular, funds will be used to create a job within the Arts Alliance: a project manager who will coordinate with the City, the Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy, other partners, consultants, the arts community and the public to develop a realistic and achievable plan to renovate 415 West Washington.
- Professional Assistance (\$169,000). This includes a fundraising consultant to develop a capital campaign strategy for the cultural center, architects' fees through schematic design, and legal council.
- Travel (\$2,500). Costs for project team members to visit selected arts facilities for in-depth analysis and for consultant travel.
- Fundraising Materials (15,000). Materials for the fundraising campaign to renovate 415 West Washington.
- Office supplies/rent, etc. (\$3,000)

B. Major Project Activities.

- Determining the best use of the 22,000 sq.ft. structure to meet the needs of the local arts community (including individual artists and arts organizations) as well as the public
- Developing architectural and site design plans
- Researching/developing a sustainable business model for operating/managing the facility
- Researching and developing a fundraising plan, including creation of fundraising materials and establishment of capital campaign leadership team

C. Goals.

This project aims to revitalize a blighted and vacant city-owned property, thereby enlarging Ann Arbor's downtown area and enhancing the city's image and credentials as an arts destination. Specifically, the goal of this project is to conduct the planning (facility use, architectural design, business plan development, fundraising) needed to successfully renovate and sustainably manage 415 West Washington.

D. Schedule.

July - Sept. 2010...Review results of community focus groups and surveys assessing arts community needs, as well as neighborhood and potential audience interests (conducted in March - June 2010). Conduct study of comparable arts facilities; study best practices. Review initial building assessment and determine actual area available for rehabilitation; develop budget for gutting/preparing building for renovation.

Oct. - Dec. 2010...Develop possible facility usage scenarios based on best practices, operational sustainability, and architectural feasibility; present 2-3 possible scenarios in public meetings to obtain user/potential audience feedback; refine proposals based on public input. Develop draft renovation budget; develop fundraising plan; identify and update key potential donors.

Jan. - March 2011...Present revised facility scenario(s) to key stakeholders for review/comment; finalize facility usage plan. Finalize facility business plan. Refine project budget; finalize fundraising plan; establish fundraising leadership team.

April - June 2011...Obtain City Council approval to move forward with recommended

use/design of 415 building and adjacent land; develop necessary fundraising materials; seek leadership fundraising gifts.

E. Partners, Key Organizations.

Partners (confirmed):

City of Ann Arbor. Role: Lead partner: provides vision and direction; chairs the Greenway Arts Steering Committee; recruits other partners and potential supporters. Resources: 2.5-acre site and 22,000 sq.ft. building, City staff members for technical assistance.

Allen Creek Greenway Conservancy. Role: Partner: leads all activity related to development of the Greenway. Resources: 5-year history researching best practices in greenway development and management; vision for comprehensive greenway program; significant community support.

The Arts Alliance. Role: Partner: leads all activity related to development of the community arts building. Resources: proven track record of accomplishment in managing major projects; strong credibility in the cultural sector and general community;

Other collaborators include such community groups as the Main Street Area Assn., Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority, Parks Advisory Commission, Art in Public Places Commission, The Energy Commission, Old West Side Assn., Ann Arbor Women Artists, Cultural Leaders Forum, and Nonprofit Enterprise at Work, among others. These partners will provide area-specific expertise and the ability to engage community groups and individuals.

Selection criteria. Design professionals and other consultants will be selected impartially by the Arts Alliance's 415 Steering Committee, using a transparent and fair process based on experience, quality, willingness to work in a collaborative process, and ROI.

F. Target Community.

The target audience is the individual artists and arts organizations based in Ann Arbor who currently have no community gathering, performance or exhibition space or studio space that facilitates collaboration or public interaction. The Arts Alliance's *2008 Artists Census* found 726 Working Artists in Ann Arbor; the city is also home to more than 40 cultural organizations. The Arts Alliance has worked with this community to develop the *Washtenaw County Cultural Master Plan* (2008), and the *Arts Space Needs Study*, among other activities.

G. Promotional Plans.

The project will be promoted extensively on the countywide arts webportal hosted by the Arts Alliance (a3arts.org), reported in the Arts Alliance's bi-weekly e-newsletter (circ. 3,200), featured in editorial coverage in local media, and discussed in business and political forums that the Mayor and Councilwoman Teall attend.

H. Monitoring/Assessment Plans.

The Arts Alliance will document in writing and photographs its public meetings and the reports of its consultants. Success will be evidenced by the completion of architectural, management, and fundraising plans that can be used to generate money to renovate the 415 building.

I. Evidence of Impacts Achieved.

The Arts Alliance has extensively studied the area's arts community to produce reports such as the *Economic Impact of the NonProfit Arts in Washtenaw County* (2006) and *The Creative Economy in Washtenaw County* (2008).

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I have been and continue to be a strong supporter of the Single Stream Recycling process, and hope that the rest of Council will support this as well.

Single stream recycling will go a long way toward helping the city to reach its goal of diverting over 60% of material from the solid waste stream, which has been a goal since the adoption of the 2002 Solid Waste Plan.

While I am unable to be in attendance tonight, I want to voice my strong support for this measure and thank both City staff and consultants for working to bring this to us.

Margie Teall