

**Ann Arbor City Council Session: July 19, 2010
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Weatherbee, Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 10:09 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
Subject: RE: Can't hear you at City Council

Yup, after the break it was much better! Thanks!

--Julie

From: Kunselman, Stephen [SKunselman@a2gov.org]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 10:03 PM
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--Julie

Greenshields, Rachel

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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 10:08 PM
To: Kathy Griswold
Cc: Derezinski, Tony; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Briere, Sabra; Anglin, Mike; Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger; Postema, Stephen; Cawley, Patrick; Pirooz, Homayoon; Hohnke, Carsten (Westpole)
Subject: RE: Schedule for moving King School crosswalk to safer 4-way stop intersection

Kathy,


First, the financials have been consistent for as long as I've been involved in the matter – the only thing that has changed since a couple of years ago has been the prospect of private funding being raised to help defray the construction costs – the costs quoted to you reflect those that the City would have to incur if we assumed the entire charge. If prior quotes were less than they were predicated on private funding to complement the City's contribution. No funding has ever been allocated to the project that I'm aware of. Second, just because the City participates in a committee does not constitute a formal or official approval of a given project – as you noted in tonight's public comment, the TSC is advisory only. Issues and recommendations that evolve from groups like the TSC are considered on their merits by the City Administrator and/or City Council on a case-by-case basis.

I made no attempt to "re-write" history and quite frankly, am unclear as to what you're alluding to. I merely provided you with a summary of staff's assessment. By the way, you indicated that Chief Jones visited the site (yes he did) and implied his support – for the record he too does not view the construction of a new path to be warranted.

Lastly, there is no cronyism and I challenge you to provide evidence to clarify and/or substantiate your claim. All we can do is judge the facts, and as articulated, they fail to project the matter to a high enough priority that would justify construction of a new path at this time. I'm sure that we would be happy to reassess the issue if new and compelling facts became evident.

Stephen

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From: Kathy Griswold [mailto: 
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 5:11 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
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Stephen,

Thanks for your prompt, professional reply. Unfortunately there are three key issues:

1. The summary financial numbers are not correct based on the detail I have from staff -- including the engineering drawings.
2. City staff already supports this project by participating in the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC), a joint City - AAPS committee that has existed since the late 1960's. As I have stated many times, the TSC recommended this move -- thus the City officially supports this move.
3. You are not a member of the TSC, thus have no official authority to attempt to re-write history on behalf of city staff.

Regardless of Roger Fraser's personal opinions, he reports to City Council and needs to be held accountable. You were elected to serve the second ward, not engage in this elegant, yet disappointing, cronyism. Please reconsider your role as a council person and support this move for the safety of our students.

Thanks,

Kathy Griswold

On Mon, Jul 19, 2010 at 2:39 PM, Rapundalo, Stephen <SRapundalo@a2gov.org> wrote:

Kathy,

I'd like to report out on your request for the construction of a new sidewalk, south of King Elementary School and on the east side of Waldenwood Dr. and relocation of the marked pedestrian crossing near the school's eastern driveway.

Staff has assessed the situation from the perspectives of feasibility, finance and operations. A new path, approximately 200' in length, would have to be constructed in the City's ROW. The new path would require grading on the adjacent two properties fronting Pemberton Lane. Costs for a concrete path to tie into new ADA ramps at the Pemberton/Waldenwood intersection ranges from \$15,000-\$20,000. A non-standard asphalt path with concrete ADA ramps would cost \$10,000. Both options would require winter maintenance.

From a traffic and pedestrian standards and safety point of view, the traffic speed limit is low at 25 mph, sight distance is sufficient, and traffic volume is low. In the last 10 years and within 500' of the existing mid-block crossing there have been no reported pedestrian related accidents, and only one reported minor automobile accident. There does not appear to be a groundswell of concern over pedestrian safety within the neighborhood. And our on-location visit seem to concur with the notion that safety issues there are seemingly minor.

Both the AAPS and abutting property owners indicated they will not participate in the construction cost or the maintenance of the sidewalk.

It is staff's view that constructing the sidewalk with a provision for maintenance will not be an effective solution given the marginal improvement it would bring. Relative to other higher volume and higher traffic speed pedestrian crossings in the city, and coupled with the safety history of the current crossing, would not cause the construction of a new path to be considered a high priority. In addition, the City's CIP budget doesn't currently contemplate construction at this location and most likely would not be altered given the low priority need for the new path.

Thus, staff is not recommending the expenditure and construction of a new path on Waldenwood Dr., especially in the absence of a sidewalk maintenance agreement.

I appreciate that the aforementioned position is not likely to satisfy your ongoing concerns. I hope that you'll respect the thoroughness of the assessment performed by staff and their findings.

Stephen

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-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Griswold [mailto: [REDACTED]]

Sent: Sun 7/18/2010 7:43 PM

To: Hieftje, John

Cc: Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Briere, Sabra; Anglin, Mike; Smith, Sandi; Fraser, Roger; Postema, Stephen; Cawley, Patrick; [REDACTED]; dave.askins@annarborchronicle.com; jesse david; Ryan Stanton; [REDACTED]; lucyann@lucyannlance.com

Subject: Re: Schedule for moving King School crosswalk to safer 4-way stop intersection

Dear Mayo Hieftje;

The King School crosswalk was scheduled to be moved last fall. This minor project was within the authority of city staff. It was engineered and scheduled last fall without the need for council approval. City staff identified funding for the crosswalk and neighbors agreed to fund raise and coordinate the construction of the extension to the existing blacktop path.

However, the project was put on hold by the City Administrator after a neighbor opposed the project because neither the City nor AAPS would agree to shovel/maintain the crosswalk ramps and sidewalk/blacktop path on his property (in right-of-way along the street, similar to other sidewalks and ramps shoveled/maintained by homeowners.)

Therefore, a council resolution is required now to direct the City Administrator to move the crosswalk.

As background, this is a two-year old request and the crosswalk move is supported by the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC), the King School Principal, the AAPS Director of Transportation and many neighbors who have contacted you and other council members.

Your response to me in the hallway of city hall (which I referred to in my original email in this thread) was, "We have all summer." I interpreted that to mean time to move the crosswalk, not time to debate this project and allow cronyism to delay a needed safety improvement.

I remain available to provide any needed support on this crosswalk move and any other pedestrian safety initiatives.

Thank you,

Kathy Griswold

On Sun, Jun 20, 2010 at 12:13 PM, Hieftje, John <JHieftje@a2gov.org> wrote:

- > Hi Kathy:
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- > Sorry it has taken me a few days to reply. I am still a little behind on
- > email.
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> I don't remember saying the intersection *would* be moved this summer and
> if I did I shouldn't have. Under the A2 system of government I don't really
> have that power. I did say it *could *be moved this summer.
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> There are other crosswalk, intersection issues that have come up as well.
> Mostly low volume in regard to the number of people crossing with an
> exception or two, Washington and 7th comes to mind. Council Member Hohnke
> and I have been working on a resolution that clarifies the rights of
> pedestrians and the responsibilities of drivers, it should be on the agenda
> for the first meeting in July. We are thinking about a more holistic
> approach to intersection changes although we don't have anything concrete
> yet. We still need to meet with staff.

> John Hieftje

> *From:* Kathy Griswold [mailto: [REDACTED]]
> *Sent:* Wednesday, June 16, 2010 3:44 PM
> *To:* Hieftje, John
> *Cc:* Ranundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Cawley, Patrick;
> [REDACTED] have.askins@annarborchronicle.com; jesse david; Ryan
> Stanton; [REDACTED] Fraser, Roger
> *Subject:* Schedule for moving King School crosswalk to safer 4-way stop
> intersection

> Mayor Hieftje,

> Do you have a date for moving the King School crosswalk to safer 4-way
> stop intersection? In our last conversation you stated it would be moved
> this summer. However, my credibility is being questioned. It would be very
> helpful if we had a date. As you know, this is the last week of school for
> AAPS, so construction can begin as soon as next week without interfering
> with the school traffic.

> I asked Tony and Stephen about the schedule at the 2nd ward meeting and
> they directed me back to you. Unfortunately, I arrived after you left due
> to the need to address the BOE about an onsite Thurston School safety issue.

> Thanks,

> Kathy Griswold

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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:58 PM
To: Hieftje, John; Smith, Sandi; Briere, Sabra; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Kunselman, Stephen; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Hohnke, Carsten; Anglin, Mike
Subject: Argo Dam

Dear Mayor and Council,

I have read the recent press release "**CITY STAFF WILL PRESENT INFORMATION REGARDING ARGO DAM CONSENT AGREEMENT**"

I notice in the release that bids will be solicited for the repair of the toe drains and for the design and reconstruction of the headrace embankment. However, it does not indicate that bids will be solicited for damn removal. Why?

Sincerely,

Irwin Weingarten

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Horning, Matthew
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:54 PM
To: 'Smith, Lynette'; [REDACTED]; 'Dave Diebolt'; 'OBRIEN Don'; [REDACTED]; Kinsey, Jon
Cc: Derezhinski, Tony; Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Fraser, Roger; McCormick, Sue; Elias, Abigail; Hupy, Craig; Singleton, Sarah; Francine Alexander; 'Kerry Sheldon'
Subject: Neighborhood Meeting

Dear Residents of Iroquois Place,

Thank you to those of you who provided feedback via email and on the phone today to help redesign the Neighborhood Meeting planned for **Tuesday July 20, 2010 at Cobblestone Farm.**

While we are scheduled to begin the meeting at 5:30 PM, we will be at Cobblestone as early as 5:00 PM for informal one on one conversation. The core of the meeting will run from 5:30-7:00 PM and we can follow up with more one on one conversation after the allotted time. We want to ensure that your questions are addressed and your ideas are heard.

The topics you have asked us to address include the following:

- Share ideas for improvements to the communication process and approach.
- Provide a high level overview of the system and why the city considers the system effective.
- Footing Drain Disconnection schedule info: Address why the Iroquois neighborhood has not already been disconnected.
- Appeals Process Information: What is the appeal process and who may attend?
- What is the status of the FOIA request and what are the next steps?
- Generate ideas on best next steps for homeowners and city.

Some homeowners did not have a chance to speak with Kerry Sheldon of Alexander Resources Consulting today. Therefore, we will offer all attendees the chance to supplement and prioritize these topics tomorrow evening.

The **revised agenda** includes the following:

Welcome	Roger Fraser
Review of Citizen Priority Topics (from list above)	Kerry Sheldon and Fran Alexander
Communication and Process Changes Underway and Ideas	Matt Horning and All Attendees
Brief Overview of System and FDD Schedule	Craig Hupy
City Rationale, Dilemma and Possibilities	Roger Fraser and All Attendees
Appeals Process and Ideas	Sarah Singleton and All Attendees
FOIA Status and Next Steps	Abigail Elias
Closing, Individual Feedback	All

Thank you for making time for these conversations together. We hope to see as many of you as possible tomorrow evening.

Matt

Matthew V. Horning, Treasurer

Greenshields, Rachel

From: audio@governmentconferencesnow.com
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:49 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Transparency Essentials: How Your Agency Can Get Started TODAY- 8/19 Webinar

Dear Marcia Higgins,

For those concerned with gaining the information you need to make your agency transparent and increase communication with your citizens, there will be a live, Webinar Conference:

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- ** Barry began his public service in 2004 with the Virginia Information Technology Agency (VITA), managing infrastructure and systems for all Public Safety agencies. Later in the same role, he led the agency based VITA employees for the entire Richmond region.
- ** Barry became the first Chief Information Officer for Chesterfield County Virginia in 2006, pursuing initiatives which open government to citizens and provide services based on a citizen centric view of government.
- ** In 2009 Barry was elected president of the Virginia Association of Local Government Information Technology Executives (VALGITE) and continues to serve in that role. He also participates regularly in MuniGov, a consortium of local government professionals focused on the promotion and adoption of web 2.0 principles.
- ** Barry is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology with a Bachelors of Science in Computer Science. He resides in Chesterfield County, Virginia with his two daughters.

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Meshach Newman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Derezsinski, Tony
Subject: Re: Golf

Bob- Assuming continued good health, I will play. Thank you for scheduling a tee time and remembering that I once played the game (never very well).

>>> 07/19/10 5:50 PM >>>

Tony and Hack,

I just made an on-line tee time for Johnny and us for nine holes at 1:28 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, at BHCC.

The Thursday Men's Group has the course from 3:30 p.m. on that day.

Does this suit you?

Kind regards,

Bob

Robert J. Donnellan
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1. URPE's Annual Summer Conference is coming up soon!
2. Report: Madre on Women's Human Rights Violations in Columbia and Photo and Drawing Exhibit - Child soldiers
3. Drive-by attack on Southwest Workers Union housing complex in San Antonio

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1.
URPE's Annual Summer Conference is coming up soon!

This year our theme is Global Climate Change and Capitalism. Our David Gordon Memorial Lecture will be "Climate Change: Barbarism or Socialism?" by Minqi Li, University of Utah. Plenary speakers are Michael Dorsey, Joel Kovel, Diana Wu, Helen Scharber, Rachel Smolker, and Brian Tokar.

We have workshops in a wide variety of topics.

The conference runs from Friday, July 30 (registration desk opens at 4 p.m.) to Monday, August 2nd at Epworth Center in High Falls, NY.

As always, there are opportunities for hiking, swimming, and great socializing with friends old and new. Bring an instrument for some music making!

For more information, visit our webpage www.urpe.org or contact the National Office at 413-577-0806 or urpe@labornet.org.

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2.
On Wednesday, July 21st, in New York, MADRE will release a report on women's human rights violations under the ICCPR in Colombia, including testimony from women human rights defenders, women displaced by the armed conflict, and former child soldiers.

I hope you will join me in the launch of this report as well as a photo and drawing exhibit by former child soldiers in Colombia and Uganda. Details below.

Abrazos,

Lisa Davis Human Rights Advocacy Director MADRE

Born Into War: An Exhibit of Photos and Drawings by Former Child Soldiers in Colombia and Uganda

Please join us!

Where: The Salt Space 1160 Broadway at 27th St. 5th Floor New York, NY 10001
http://org2.democracyinaction.org/dia/track.jsp?key=-1&url_num=1&url=http%3A%2F%2Fmaps.google.com%2Fmaps%3Fhl%3Den%26amp%3Bq%3D1160%2520Broadway%2C%2520nyc%26amp%3Bum%3D1%26amp%3Bie%3DUTF-8%26amp%3Bsa%3DN%26amp%3Btab%3Dwl

When: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 6:30 p.m. -- 8:30 p.m.

Wine and refreshments will be served

Admission: \$15 if tickets purchased online, \$20.00 at the door Please consider making an additional donation to support MADRE's program for child soldiers. Proceeds will benefit MADRE's work to provide former child soldiers with the support they need to create alternatives to a life of violence.

Exhibit and silent auction of photographs by former child soldiers Presentation by special guest, Anna Safir, on child soldiers in Uganda Short video of former child soldiers and MADRE's project to support their recovery Reception to launch report by MADRE and our partners to the UN Human Rights Committee

*To purchase tickets to this event, please call

212-627-0444 or purchase tickets

online http://org2.democracynaction.org/dia/track.jsp?key=-1&url_num=2&url=https%3A%2F%2Forg2.democracynaction.org%2Fo%2F5095%2Fp%2Fsalsa%2Fevent%2Fcommon%2Fpublic%2F%3Fevent_KEY%3D22625

*MADRE is a 501 (c)(3) international women's human rights organization that works in partnership with community-based women's organizations worldwide to address issues of peace building, women's health, violence against women and economic justice.

In Colombia, MADRE partners with Taller de Vida, an organization that works with children and families displaced by armed conflict.*

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3.

Drive-by attack on Southwest Workers Union housing complex in San Antonio by repost Monday Jul 12th, 2010 <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/07/12/18653615.php>

Solidarity House fired on with machine gun last night; one intern critically injured.

Dear Southwest Workers Union members, allies, and friends,

It is with sadness that I reach out to the friends and allies of Southwest Workers Union to invite acts of solidarity, remembrance and prayers. During the early hours of Sunday morning, the Solidarity House on SWU's complex in San Antonio's near Eastside, where workers and volunteers were staying during the summer campaign, was attacked by a violent drive-by shooting that left one young college intern in critical condition. The intern was working this summer on the Roots of Change community garden, is in critical but stable condition with a bullet wound to his pelvis. Fortunately the seven other folks in the home are safe.

We call on the Eastside, the City and local and national organizations to join together to condemn this act and work towards the creation of safe, healthy communities. We ask for support for the victims and their families and movement towards a unified effort to eliminate the root causes that breed violence and poverty in our neighborhoods. We need safe streets and safe peaceful spaces for people and organizations working towards social justice and cannot allow such ruthless acts to go unnoticed. We will continue to raise our voices against all manifestations of hatred and for real justice in our communities.

Join us in solidarity and prayers for the shooting victims and to demonstration support for peaceful communities across San Antonio and the world.

SWU set up a Peace & Solidarity Fund for the victim and his family. Donations or cards can be sent to: Peace & Solidarity Fund Southwest Workers Union PO Box 830706 San Antonio, TX 78283

Donations can be made online here:

http://www.causes.com/causes/504358?fb_page_id=88816282633&m=71bb3202&recruiter_id=133560299

In Solidarity, Genaro & members of SWU
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Howard Zinn's The Bomb

By David Swanson
<http://warisacrime.org/node/54059>

The late Howard Zinn's new book "The Bomb" is a brilliant little dissection of some of the central myths of our militarized society. Those who've read "A Terrible Mistake: The Murder of Frank Olson and the CIA's Secret Cold War Experiments," by H.P. Albarelli Jr. know that this is a year for publishing the stories of horrible things that the United States has done to French towns. In that case, Albarelli, describes the CIA administering LSD to an entire town, with deadly results. In "The Bomb," Zinn describes the U.S.

military making its first use of napalm by dropping it all over another French town, burning anyone and anything it touched. Zinn was in one of the planes, taking part in this horrendous crime.

In mid-April 1945, the war in Europe was essentially over. Everyone knew it was ending. There was no military reason (if that's not an oxymoron) to attack the Germans stationed near Royan, France, much less to burn the French men, women, and children in the town to death. The British had already destroyed the town in January, similarly bombing it because of its vicinity to German troops, in what was widely called a tragic mistake. This tragic mistake was rationalized as an inevitable part of war, just as were the horrific firebombings that successfully reached German targets, just as was the later bombing of Royan with napalm.

Zinn blames the Supreme Allied Command for seeking to add a "victory" in the final weeks of a war already won. He blames the local military commanders' ambitions. He blames the American Air Force's desire to test a new weapon. And he blames everyone involved

-- which must include himself -- for "the most powerful motive of all: the habit of obedience, the universal teaching of all cultures, not to get out of line, not even to think about that which one has not been assigned to think about, the negative motive of not having either a reason or a will to intercede."

When Zinn returned from the war in Europe, he expected to be sent to the war in the Pacific, until he saw and rejoiced at seeing the news of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, 65 years ago this August. Only years later did Zinn come to understand the inexcusable crime of the greatest proportions that was the dropping of nuclear bombs in Japan, actions similar in some ways to the final bombing of Royan. The war with Japan was already over, the Japanese seeking peace and willing to surrender. Japan asked only that it be permitted to keep its emperor, a request that was later granted.

But, like napalm, the nuclear bombs were weapons that needed testing. The second bomb, dropped on Nagasaki, was a different sort of bomb that also needed testing. President Harry Truman wanted to demonstrate nuclear bombs to the world and especially to Russia. And he wanted to end the war with Japan before Russia became part of it. The horrific form of mass murder he employed was in no way justifiable.

Zinn also goes back to dismantle the mythical reasons the United States was in the war to begin with. The United States, England, and France were imperial powers supporting each other's international aggressions in places like the Philippines. They opposed the same from Germany and Japan, but not aggression itself.

Most of America's tin and rubber came from the Southwest Pacific. The United States made clear for years its lack of concern for the Jews being attacked in Germany. It also demonstrated its lack of

opposition to racism through its treatment of African Americans and Japanese Americans. Franklin D.

Roosevelt described fascist bombing campaigns over civilian areas as "inhuman barbarity" but then did the same on a much larger scale to German cities, which was followed up by the destruction on an unprecedented scale of Hiroshima and Nagasaki -- actions that came after years of dehumanizing the Japanese. Zinn points out that "LIFE magazine showed a picture of a Japanese person burning to death and commented: 'This is the only way.'" Aware that the war would end without any more bombing, and aware that U.S. prisoners of war would be killed by the bomb dropped on Nagasaki, the U.S. military went ahead and dropped the bombs.

Americans allowed these things to be done in their name, just as the Germans and Japanese allowed horrible crimes to be committed in their names. Zinn points out, with his trademark clarity, how the use of the word "we" blends governments together with peoples and serves to equate our own people with our military, while we demonize the people of other lands because of actions by their governments. "The Bomb" suggest a better way to think about such matters and firmly establishes that --what the U.S. military is doing now, today, parallels the crimes of the past and shares their dishonorable motivations; --the bad wars have a lot in common with the so-called "good war," about which there was little if anything good; --Howard Zinn did far more in his life for peace than for war, and more for peace than just about anybody else, certainly more than several Nobel Peace Prize winners.

David Swanson is the author of "Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union"
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Open Letter of Appeal to the Jewish people from Nobel Laureate Mairead Maguire

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http://arabisto.com/article/Blogs/Eileen_Fleming/Open_Letter_to_the_Jewish_People_from_Noble_Laureate_Mairead_Maguire_and_the_Vanunu_Saga_20052010/69417_

Dear Friends,

I write to ask for your help in gaining the freedom of a good man, a man of peace, and a man of conscience.

In the Jewish scriptures there is great emphasis on justice and freedom and it is for such, for one man, that I write to seek your help.

He will not be aware that I am writing this Appeal, but I do so in the hope that, with your help, it will produce his freedom, and not (and this I must risk) cause yet more punishment and cruelty to be inflicted upon him.

However, I feel when I tell you the story, it will touch your hearts and there will be those amongst you who will be able to help him gain his freedom.

In May, 2010, this man was returned to prison to serve three months for allegedly breaking his prison release restrictions and speaking to Foreign Media. On Sunday 11th July, 2010, he had his first visit in seven weeks. His brother, Meir, was granted a 30 minute visit. There was a glass window between them and they spoke via the phone. He wore a prison uniform. He is held in the hardest prison section there is in the prison. It has the most notorious criminals in the country, well known hard murder cases. All about a dozen are in severe isolation conditions. He is in a cell by himself for 24 hours a day, no window but a small wire covered crack at the top part of one wall. He has about an hour's walk a day in a very tiny yard. He was simply thrown in a cell by the security agents, the door locked, and left to suffer there all alone. He has not spoken to anyone in all the seven weeks and this visit was (apart from a short visit of his lawyer 6 weeks ago) the first conversation he had in seven weeks. His food is limited in quality and quantity, and his reading material two books he has with him. Of course his spirits are down as a result of being put in such harsh, inhuman and cruel conditions.

His name is Mordechai Vanunu, and he is in an Israeli prison cell. Mordechai is no stranger to prison. In 1986 Mordechai Vanunu told the world that Israel had a Nuclear Weapons Programme and he was given 18 years imprisonment for doing so. He is the Israeli Nuclear whistle blower and 24 years later continues to be punished for trying to warn the Israelis and protect both Israel and the world from a Nuclear weapons disaster. Mordechai Vanunu served the full 18 years

of his sentence (eleven years in solitary) and upon release, instead of allowing him to leave Israel, the Israeli Government put severe restrictions upon him, including forbidding him to leave Israel and not to speak to foreign media. It was the allegedly breaking of these restrictions and speaking to Foreign media, which resulted in Mordechai being returned to prison for 3 months. He has 6 weeks left to serve in these harsh prison conditions, and even upon release from prison will still have to remain in Israel until next April, 2011 when the restrictions will be reviewed and probably renewed yet again, as they have been renewed each year for the past 6 years. Some people say Vanunu will never be allowed to leave Israel but will die there, if indeed in the meantime his spirit is not broken by his ill treatment and he loses his sanity.

The Shabak continues to tell the Israeli Government he is a security risk and must not be released and the Israeli Judiciary and Government obey them and keep him imprisoned. Vanunu is no risk to Israeli National Security. He has no nuclear secrets. I have asked some Israelis why they think Israel refuses to allow Mordechai Vanunu to leave Israel. Various reasons are given but the most frequent answer is they feel the Israeli Government does not trust its citizens and holding Mordechai Vanunu, forever, if necessary sends out the signal to Israeli Citizens to behave themselves.

It seems, if this is so, that the strategy is working. To date only a few courageous Jewish people have raised their voices against such cruelty and injustice perpetrated upon Mordechai, and called for him to be allowed to leave Israel. But I don't believe Mordechai will never be allowed to leave Israeli and will die in Jerusalem. I have met Mordechai many times since he was released from prison on 21st April, 2004. He is a good man, a man of peace, and a true Gandhian spirit. Instead of punishing him, Israel should be proud of Mordechai Vanunu, and I believe that future generations of Israelis will look back and realize that there lived amongst them a great visionary and man of peace, not only for Israel, but for the human family. It was with great joy I nominated him several times for the Nobel Peace Prize, as did many other prominent names during the past 24 years. He richly serves the NPP as he lives and acts in the true spirit of Alfred Nobel, who left his prize for those who would work for peace and disarmament.

However, it is with the deepest sadness that I acknowledge that in spite of world campaigns by many, including Amnesty International (and personal letters from myself to President Obama, President Shimon Peres,) Mordechai Vanunu continues 24 years later to be most cruelly imprisoned and punished by Israel. Most Political and Spiritual leaders, and International Bodies, of our time are silent in the face of Israel's abuse of Vanunu's basic human right to freedom of speech and liberty, which is in violation of many International Laws.

However, I have hope that he will be free and I place my hope in those Jewish people who read this story and are moved to right a wrong continuing to be done to Mordechai Vanunu, and they will demand that their Government give him his freedom, and allow him to leave Israel.

Shalom,

Mairead Maguire
Nobel Peace Laureate
www.peacepeople.com

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Minority News

July 19, 2010

<http://www.blackradionetwork.com/page.php?storyID=15250>

VIENNA - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention today released a first-of-its-kind analysis showing that 2.1 percent of heterosexuals living in high-poverty urban areas in the United States are infected with HIV. This analysis suggests that many low-income cities across the United States now have generalized HIV epidemics as defined by the United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

UNAIDS defines a generalized epidemic as one that is firmly established in the general population, with an overall HIV prevalence in the general population of more than 1 percent. While subpopulations with higher risk (such as men who have sex with men and injection drug users) may still contribute disproportionately to the spread of HIV in these areas, heterosexual transmission is also sufficient to sustain an epidemic independent of those groups.

The analysis also shows that poverty is the single most important demographic factor associated with HIV infection among inner-city heterosexuals. Contrary to severe racial disparities that characterize the overall U.S. epidemic, researchers found no differences in HIV prevalence by race/ethnicity in this population. The analysis will be presented at the XVIII International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria.

"This study reveals a powerful link between poverty and HIV risk, and a widespread HIV epidemic in America's inner cities," said Kevin Fenton, M.D., Ph.D., director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention. "In this country, HIV clearly strikes the economically disadvantaged in a devastating way."

The analysis, led by Paul Denning, M.D., a medical epidemiologist in CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, included more than 9,000 heterosexual adults (aged 18-50) in high-poverty areas of 23 cities who participated in the 2006-2007 heterosexual cycle of the CDC's National HIV Behavioral Surveillance System.

This system monitors HIV risk behaviors, HIV testing patterns, and use of HIV prevention services among U.S.

populations at risk.

High-poverty areas were defined according to the U.S.

Census Bureau, and included areas in which at least 20 percent of residents have household incomes below the poverty line.

Nationally, the United States is considered to have a concentrated HIV epidemic, meaning that it is confined mainly to individuals who engage in high-risk behaviors, which in the United States are primarily gay and bisexual men and injection drug users.

For this analysis, researchers followed UNAIDS criteria for determining a generalized epidemic, and excluded groups at highest risk for becoming HIV infected. Those groups not included in this analysis were gay and bisexual men - who continue to represent the majority of new HIV infections in the United States - injection drug users, and sex workers and their clients.

"These findings have significant implications for how we think about HIV prevention. We can't look at HIV in isolation from the environment in which people live," said Jonathan Mermin, M.D., director of CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. "This analysis points to an urgent need to prioritize HIV prevention efforts in disadvantaged communities. We are pleased that President Obama's new National HIV/AIDS Strategy reflects this type of approach, in terms of targeting HIV prevention resources to those in greatest need."

Prevalence was especially high in those with the lowest socioeconomic status. Within the low income urban areas included in the study, individuals living below the poverty line were at greater risk for HIV than those living above it (2.4 percent prevalence vs. 1.2 percent), though prevalence for both groups was far higher than the national average (0.45 percent). There were no significant differences in HIV prevalence by race or ethnicity in these low income urban areas: prevalence was 2.1 percent among blacks, 2.1 percent among Hispanics, and 1.7 percent among whites. By contrast, the U.S. epidemic overall is characterized by severe racial/ethnic disparities: the HIV prevalence rate for blacks is almost 8 times that of whites, and the HIV prevalence rate among Hispanics is nearly 3 times that of whites.

The absence of race-based differences in this analysis is likely due to existing high prevalence of HIV in poor urban areas, which - regardless of race or ethnicity - places individuals living in these areas at greater risk for exposure to HIV with each sexual encounter.

Authors note that other factors associated with poverty also likely contribute to high HIV prevalence in these settings. Some of these factors include limited health care access, which can reduce utilization of HIV testing and prevention services; substance abuse, which can increase sexual risk behavior; and high rates of incarceration, which can disrupt the stability of relationships.

This analysis provides greater insight into factors that may be driving heterosexual HIV transmission in the United States, which accounts for 31 percent of new infections each year. This study did not examine HIV prevalence among groups at higher risk for HIV in these areas, including MSM and IDU. Nationally, MSM account for 53 percent of new infections, IDU account for 12 percent, and those exposed through both MSM and IDU account for 4 percent.

For more information on HIV in the United States, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv>, or <http://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/newsroom>.

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National Actions Against Billionaire Pritzkers and the Hyatt Hotel Chain

By Carl Finamore t r u t h o u t | Op-Ed July 19, 2010

<http://www.truth-out.org/national-actions-against-billionaire-pritzkers-and-hyatt-hotel-chain60524>

On June 9, blue-chip Hyatt stockholders anxiously anticipating dividend announcements that would, perhaps, justify a nice evening on the town - maybe in one of the city's acclaimed five-star restaurants - assembled inside the plush Hyatt Regency McCormick Place in Chicago. Protesting outside, were hotel workers who had their own concerns about how to put food on the table. Hyatt employees average less than \$30,000 a year in most of the country.

Stockholders, on the other hand, had good reason to expect a nice, big slice of the pie. Hyatt shares have ballooned 50 percent since the formerly privately owned company went public in late 2009. In that deal, Pritzker family owners alone netted close to \$1 billion. The cash register has been ringing ever since.

The hotel union, UNITE-HERE, reports, "as recently as March 2010, Hyatt had \$1.3 billion cash on hand - on average, nearly five times as much as any other hotel company." National hotel industry profits overall are also rebounding upwards.

The union's Local 2 in San Francisco, for example, reports revenue growth for city hotels "projected to be 4 percent for the remainder of 2010, 12 percent in 2011 and 14 percent in 2012." "We haven't seen these dramatic double-digit numbers since the 1970s," emphasized Local 2 press coordinator Riddhi Mehta.

Everyone seems to be cashing in - except employees. As a result, 400 UNITE-HERE Local 2 members in San Francisco walked off the job at the Hyatt Regency on June 8 for a three-date strike, launching an employee- endorsed boycott of the hotel.

On the picket line, union representative Tina Chen summed up the feelings of the workers "who know well that the company is making loads of money. A one-year contract we offered them last year would have kept our current health insurance, maintained our pensions and provided a modest wage increase, while still only increasing labor costs by 1.5 percent. Why do they try to squeeze us?"

This is the question that just won't go away. Support for hotel workers is growing nationally as contracts expire in major cities like San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Vancouver and Honolulu where coordinated actions against the Hyatt were to take place the week of June 9.

Among the protesters in Chicago were 100 religious leaders who were stopped at metal detectors as they attempted to peacefully enter the stockholders' meeting. As they vowed not to leave before speaking with a Hyatt representative, Hyatt Human Resources chief Robb Webb finally did show up.

"I applaud your interest and I applaud the concern," Webb piously began. When questioned about the abrupt firing of 100 housekeepers in Boston (who were replaced with cheaper, outsourced labor), he reassured the clergy that it was "not consistent with

the values of the company. We're not proud about how that was handled." However, he also reported that the difficult "business decision" was final and the workers would not be rehired. (All Webb quotes by Chicago Breaking Business reporter Julie Wernau.)

Trifecta of Power, Money and Greed

The Hyatt Hotel Corporation boasts a portfolio of 434 properties in 45 countries. It is a formidable entity as is its major shareholder, the billionaire Pritzker family of Chicago. The Pritzkers are not only extremely wealthy - having been listed on Forbes' "America's Richest Families" since it originated in 1982 - but they are also quite good at buying influence.

Penny Pritzker conveniently became national finance chair of the Obama presidential campaign shortly after family business interests suffered a major public embarrassment. Superior Bank, a lender chaired by Pritzker, collapsed in 2001, causing millions in losses to the government and depositors.

For years, Superior reported profits and paid its owners dividends of nearly \$200 million "without regard to the deteriorating" condition of the bank, according to a 2002 report by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Cozying up to Obama was one of a series of calculated moves to repair the family's damaged personal reputation and to cultivate a "Mad Men," carefully crafted image of social concern. For example, the Pritzker Foundation recently made a \$10 million, tax-deductible donation to Stanford University "to create a scholarship fund dedicated to supporting Chicago students with the greatest financial need."

There is evidence that this apparent generosity is self-serving pretense - or public relations "investment." Simultaneously, the Pritzkers continually cut staff and increase workloads at their hotels. As a result, the Hyatt had the highest reported rate of injury in 2009 for housekeepers in an academic study of 50 major hotels as reported by the progressive blog Firedoglake.

Despite this long record of financial malfeasance and labor hostility, President Obama continues to cast Pritzker in the unlikely role as advocate for American working families as well as financial adviser to the Obama presidential campaign. Predictably, "penny-pinching" Pritzker joined with other billionaires on the Economic Recovery Advisory Board to oppose the Employee Free Choice Act - legislation which would allow millions of workers to select a union free from well-documented patterns of employer harassment.

No Easy Settlement Expected

The Pritzkers value their treasured personal bank accounts, but also power. They seek the power to limit employee expectations now and into the future, a power that assures owners a growing share of corporate revenues at the expense of workers, over the long term.

On the other hand, a fair agreement at the Hyatt would allow Local 2 to keep the best contract in the industry intact while setting standards for other hotels with expired contracts as well.

"Power never takes a back step - only in the face of more power," argued Malcolm X. This is one such contest, between two very determined forces, one with the solid support of the workers and a growing list of community allies, the other with the entrenched influence of wealth.

Facing down the Pritzkers, hotel workers in five cities made a show of force last week against the third-largest hotel chain in the country. These actions mark an important, strategic escalation.

Clearly, this will not be the last strike, protest and boycott if hotels continue stalling negotiations. More nationally coordinated actions will certainly develop as contracts for around 50,000 hotel workers expire soon in major cities across the country.

The towering San Francisco Hyatt Regency sits on the edge of the famed bay waterfront where police and long shore strikers battled during the 1934 victorious general strike. Today, there is a plaque nearby honoring martyred picketers Nicolas Bordoise and Howard Sperry, who were felled.

Working-class cafes and lunch spots have long ago been replaced by elite shops and fancy bistros shaded by magnificent, imported, palm trees lining the entire length of the city's grand waterfront traffic lanes overlooking the bay.

While times and San Francisco's character change, the hotel workers' actions today hearken back to the very best traditions of this historic district and herald dramatic showdowns that lie ahead in this great city and across the country.

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Thank you for your support this evening. We really appreciated your efforts to keep the ordinance clear and straight-forward!

Sincerely,
Erica Briggs
WBWC Membership Chair

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From: Erica [REDACTED]
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Dear Mayor Hieftje and City Council Members,

The Washtenaw Bicycling and Walking Coalition (WBWC) would like to extend our gratitude to Mayor Hieftje and Council Member Hohnke for working with us over the past nine months to bring forward revisions to Section 10:148 of Chapter 126. We strongly believe the current ordinance lacks the clarity and strength to protect pedestrians trying to cross at marked crosswalks. Please read our attached position paper for more background on our work on this issue the past year. We also encourage you to watch the following video, produced for WBWC by Matt Grocoff, for a reminder of why this ordinance needs revisions. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsT5ZJUnBg0>.

We fully support the following proposed language for Section 10:148. The language in Section A has been used successfully in Boulder, Colorado for the past 21 years and we believe it will also provide Ann Arbor with the solid legal foundation for future pedestrian education and enforcement campaigns:

- (a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to every pedestrian approaching or within a crosswalk.
- (b) A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- (c) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

We hope we can count on all of your support to amend this ordinance, as well as in the years ahead as we seek to address how to make sure the new law becomes second nature for drivers in Ann Arbor.

Sincerely,
Erica Briggs,



A²Walks

WBWC Pedestrian Campaign Step One: Revise Ann Arbor's Pedestrian Ordinance (10:148)

Problem: Motorists fail to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks in Ann Arbor creating barriers in our community for the disabled, elderly and children, a safety issue for all of us and furthering the "cars-rule" mentality prevalent in Michigan.

Goal: All pedestrians, regardless of ability or age, can cross the street safely and with ease at marked crosswalks across the City.

Proposed Solution:

- **Step 1:** Revise Ann Arbor's ordinance (10:148) to require motorists to yield for pedestrians both waiting to cross and within a marked crosswalk.
- **Step 2:** Develop and launch an innovative public education campaign to educate motorists of their responsibilities.
- **Step 3:** Develop and implement an on-going, coordinated targeted enforcement and public education campaign for motorists that fail to follow the law.

Background

In May 2009, WBWC hosted "Walk, Talk and Chalk" – an event which brought together community members for a walk around Ann Arbor's west side with the objective of identifying key issues that affect pedestrians. Participants identified a number of barriers to walking such as connectivity, sidewalk maintenance, poor enforcement, motorist behavior, and urban design, however motorist behavior at crosswalks jumped to the top of the list as one of the top barriers to walking in Ann Arbor.

The Need for Improved Walkability in Ann Arbor

Although it is true that Ann Arbor has many of the attributes of a walkable city (and we have many awards we can take pride in) we still have much work to do. You need only look to North Main Street with its crumbling sidewalks, urban design problems, connectivity issues and lack of focus on the pedestrian experience to know we still have work to do.

Furthermore, we're seeing a disturbing trend in Ann Arbor. The number of individuals walking to work has decreased in Ann Arbor— from 18% in 1980 to approximately 14% today. And, the number of pedestrian and vehicle crashes has increased in Ann Arbor each year since 2004 (43 crashes, 45 in 2005, 52 in 2008).

It is vital that City staff and policy makers remain committed to making Ann Arbor a more walkable city. Walking is by far the most popular recreational activity in Ann Arbor (2005-2011 PROS Plan). And in addition to having great public support, walking also has great public health and environmental benefits and it creates a stronger sense of place by getting people out and interacting with the community in which they live. And the icing on the cake... walkable cities are a key ingredient to attracting new residents. Research continues to show that young professionals and empty-nesters want to live in walkable communities.



A²Walks

For many of the group members, 3rd and Huron (the intersection where the YMCA is located) was frustrating, but crossable, if the walkers were willing to dart across the street when there was a break in traffic. However, for

a few of our disabled walkers, the intersection provided to be impassable. Because motorists did not stop at this marked intersection to allow them to cross, they were unable to get across the street without endangering themselves. We were also informed that some of the residents at Lurie Terrace (the senior center on Huron Street) are actually taxied across the street to the YMCA to work out because Huron Street presents too great a risk for them to cross.

After the Walk, Talk and Chalk event, we visited other crosswalks across Ann Arbor to see if pedestrians fared better elsewhere. Sadly, they do not. For a look at motorist behavior at crosswalks across town, check out our video available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsT5ZJUnBg0>

In October 2009, WBWC hosted a pedestrian forum, the first in the city and perhaps the state, examining the issue of motorist behavior at crosswalks and it's relationship to our pedestrian ordinance. WBWC wanted to determine if 1) our pedestrian ordinances provided sufficient protection for pedestrians and simply need to be enforced or 2) if revisions were necessary before the start of an education and enforcement campaign.

The Forum was moderated by WBWC and the panel included the following experts and community leaders: Susan Pollay, DDA Director; Eli Cooper, Transportation Manager; Pat Cawley, Project Manager Engineering; Officer Elizabeth Patton from AAPD, Kristen Larcom, City Attorney; Carolyn Grawi, Advocacy and Education Director for the Center for Independent Living; Robert Wagner, Director of Lurie Terrace the Senior Center on Huron Street; and Rory Neuner, Urban Policy Specialist for the Michigan Environmental Council.

The forum produced clear findings. Ann Arbor's current ordinance lacks clarity for enforcement and doesn't meet the needs of pedestrians trying to cross the street. Simplification of the ordinance and broadening it to require motorists to yield not only for pedestrians in the crosswalk, *but also for pedestrians waiting to cross*, is an important first step. Once the ordinance is revised, an on-going public education and targeted enforcement campaign will be vital to changing motorist behavior.

Greenshields, Rachel

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of 淘宝网 [REDACTED] [taobao.com]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:17 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: [POSSIBLE SPAM] 淘宝6月成交排行榜TOP28! 来看看淘友们都在那个网店买东西!
Importance: Low

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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Vicki [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:07 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Re: Thank you for your attention to this letter!

Dear Councilmember Briere,

Thank you very much for replying to my email. Besides a short line from the Mayor you were the only councilmember who wrote me back. I was sorry to hear the some of my fellow Arizonan's were not very tactful in their emails, but I do understand their frustration and sometimes feel like lashing out verbally as well. I appreciate the explanation of your vote and I understand that different laws in several different states is not the answer, but it's been going on for 20 years and the violence is escalating. Thank you for urging the Federal Government to enforce our laws. Looking at the bright side, the issue has finally gotten the attention it deserves. I do appreciate your writing me back.

Best regards,
Vicki Miller

----- Original Message -----

From: Briere, Sabra
To: Vicki
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 4:18 AM
Subject: RE: Thank you for your attention to this letter!

Dear Ms. Miller,

You and many others in Arizona have kindly sent many emails trying to help those of us on Ann Arbor's City Council understand Arizona's circumstances. Thank you for this. Thank you also for the tone of your letter, which was much more civil than many others.

Please understand, Ann Arbor did not vote to boycott Arizona. I understand that many other communities have done so; Ann Arbor did not.

Ann Arbor's City Council voted for a resolution that urged the Federal Government to enforce existing immigration laws, and fix the immigration system.

Ann Arbor's City Council stated that immigration is the responsibility of the Federal Government and that States are ill equipped to enforce immigration law.

And as such is something Ann Arbor's City Council stated, it also urged the Michigan legislature not to enact any legislation similar to Arizona's law.

I know that, for years -- and presidential administrations -- the Federal Government has failed to adequately enforce immigration laws. Whether those laws deal with overstaying visas or people crossing borders illegally, the results are the same. I am not opposing Arizona's law to give more power to drug runners, smugglers, or those who seek amnesty for illegal aliens. However, I don't believe a patchwork of immigration law enforcement as seen by 50 different states is the answer, either.

Thank you again for writing,

Sabra Briere
First Ward Councilmember
(734)995-3518 (home)
(734)277-6578 (cell)

From: Vicki [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wed 7/14/2010 11:23 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Cc: Briere, Sabra; Smith, Sandi; Rapundalo, Stephen; Derezinski, Tony; Kunselman, Stephen; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Higgins, Marcia; Teall, Margie; Anglin, Mike; Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: Thank you for your attention to this letter!

Dear Ann Arbor Officials,

I am absolutely shocked that your city would boycott the state of Arizona. I thought Americans were supposed to care about humankind and the rules of law. I am a decent taxpaying citizen and I believe SB1070 is the only way to stop the humanitarian crisis going on in Arizona. I am an Arizona native and I am sick about what has happened to my state because of our federal government's failure to secure our borders. My ancestor's have lived in Arizona generation's before it was even a state. I have seen many changes happen to Arizona but nothing compared to what is happening because of the open border. I would be grateful if you would the time to hear another side of the issue.

I want you to know about rape rooms, yes it is exactly as it sounds. In the Sonoran desert where the illegal trespassers smuggle human beings into America there are makeshift rooms that are constructed by draping garbage bags around cactus, trees and bushes to make an enclosed area to rape smuggling victims. Then they hang their bras and undergarments on the trees, for what purpose they hang these garments, I do not know, but I imagine it is some kind of conquest reminder or a threat to those who will come next, and there are at approximately 3,000 per day, yes that estimate is correct 3,000 per day.

http://change-production.s3.amazonaws.com/photos/wordpress_copies/rapetree_360.jpg

Most of the people who are smuggled in are from South American countries. They pay in upwards of \$5,000 per person to get into America by paying Mexican nationals who know the way through the desert. In Mexico they are known as Coyotes and they have made a thriving business of this practice. The problem is that the mexican smugglers don't always bring them to America right away, they get them into the desert where they rape and torture them. If that wasn't bad enough they then bring them into Tucson and Phoenix to what is called a drop house. This is where the human cargo is brought, stripped naked, held for ransom and in some cases tortured. The smugglers call their families back home and demand money for their release. This usually gets about \$10,000 per head. There was a drop house bust in my neighborhood last week where 80 people were being held, mostly from Guatemala.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,303798,00.html>

I have attached some links for you to look at to prove all this to you, but if you do not trust the links, all from legit websites, please do your own search or simply Google search

"trashed sonoran desert".

<http://www.truthorfiction.com/rumors/a/Arizona-Desert-Trash.htm>

<http://www.snopes.com/photos/politics/restarea.asp>

Please look at what is happening to our beautiful state. Our pristine Sonoran desert is being destroyed. This garbage dump is all along our 700+ mile border with Mexico. What you wont see in these pictures on the illegals pathway into Arizona the dead animals that get stuck in the waste and die in the heat of the desert sun, the wild horses that choke to death on the plastic bottles left behind, human bodies that are often found shot to death or dead from exposure. There are areas where the trash is knee high or approximately 3 feet high. Would you let this happen in Ann Arbor? Would you want this in Ann Arbor, and if you tried to stop it, would you expect to be boycotted by your fellow Americans?

Another problem is that we can't go in there to clean up this mess because the Mexican drug cartels are in the mountains with sniper rifles and on the ground with AK47's. If you dont believe me, research it.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/2010-07-01-mexico-drug-shooting_N.htm

Recently a Pinal county sherriffs officer was pinned down in the desert from Cartel members with automatic weapons, he was shot but survived.

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/pinal/articles/2010/04/30/20100430pinal-county-deputy-shot-immigrant30-ON.html>

In order to make sure no citizens are killed, the federal government generously put up signs in our Buenes Aires National Wildlife Preserve stating that "Americans are not advised to enter due to human smuggling and armed illegal aliens". We can not even enter our OWN STATE PARK!!! This park is the size of the state of Connecticut and has basically been deemed off-limits to Americans. The Sonoran desert has beautiful unique wildlife and plantlife that can be seen no other place in the world. It is a very precarious environment with its own eco system and weather patterns, its is absolutely tragic what is happeneing. Would you let this happen to the parks and the preserves of Ann Arbor, and if you tried to stop it would you expect to be boycotted by your fellow Americans?

<http://www.kvoa.com/news/bureau-of-land-management-warns-motorists-who-travel-along-i-8/>

There are so many related issues to this problem, this letter only lists a tiny portion of the problems we are dealing with on the United States southern border, the information is out there if you look for it.

I dont know how a city in Michigan would have any idea what is really going on in my city and state, just as I do not know the local issues of your city and state. Although I did just hear that your city was voted the nicest place in America to live. I thought that was quite ironic indeed. So I will ask your city to do your research before you rush to some politically motivated judgement of Arizona and its citizens. Illegal is illegal, we have the right to protect our state and citizens under the Arizona and United States Constitutions, especially since the federal government will not do its first and foremost job. This has been going on for 20 years or more, what are we supposed to do? Would you let this happen in your backyard? It's happening in mine. I think asking for identification is prudent considering what we are dealing with. Our Arizona law mirrors the federal governments law, the only difference is that we intend to enforce it.

I thank you for reading another side of the issue.

Sincerely,

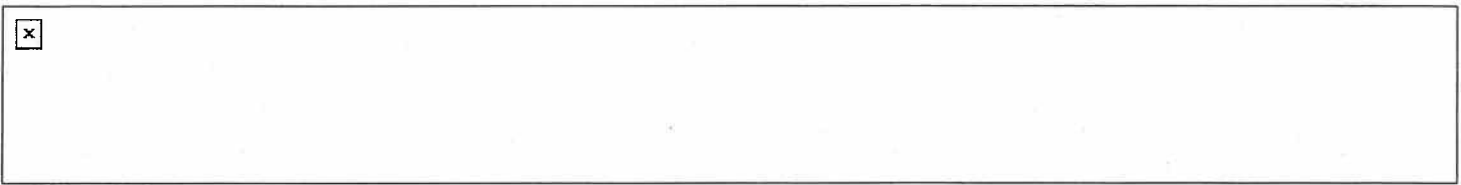
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Greenshields, Rachel

From: Congress.org [congressorg@capwiz.com]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:02 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Obama's Five Tips for the Tea Party

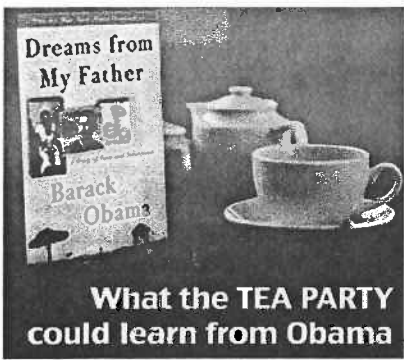
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Obama's Five Tips for the Tea Party



When he was a community organizer on Chicago's South Side, President Obama had something in common with the tea parties.

Like the conservative activists, Obama worked to build a grassroots movement of individuals who could work together to challenge those in power and bring about change.

"Change won't come from the top," he later wrote about the experience. "Change will come

What's New



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from a mobilized grassroots."

Obama's recounting of that time in his life in "Dreams from My Father" includes some lessons that apply to all sorts of advocates -- including tea partyers.

[Read Obama's five tips for the tea party crowd.](#)

Take a Stand: Unemployment Benefits



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Congress.org Senators are gearing up for a vote Tuesday afternoon on

whether to extend unemployment benefits.

Democrats are expected to have enough votes to pass HR 4213 once a replacement for the late Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) is seated earlier that day. If it passes, President Obama could sign it into law by Wednesday.



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The bill reinstates emergency benefits for millions of jobless Americans until November 30. So far, 1,225 Congress.org users have written their senators to extend benefits, while 538 have written arguing against an extension.

Click here to argue to [extend](#) unemployment benefits and here to argue to [not extend](#) them.

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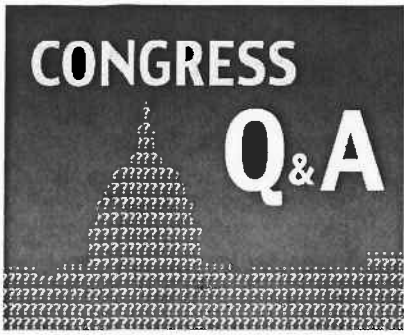
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"What are the checks and balances on the Supreme Court, whose members are appointed for life?" — Robert B. Steup, Middleburg, Fla.

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Lincoln Tops in Presidential Tourism



Abraham Lincoln dwarfed other presidents in tourism to federally run sites in 2009, thanks in part to celebrations tied to the bicentennial of his birth.

According to figures collected by the National Park Service, nearly 6.8 million people visited sites associated with Lincoln last year, including his memorial on the National Mall, Ford's Theatre and childhood homes in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

By contrast, 2.7 million people visited two sites associated with Franklin D. Roosevelt.

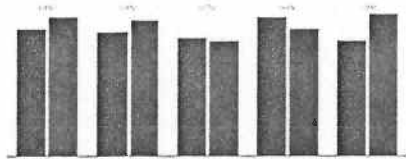
Also high on the list were Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and John

Adams. Not doing as well: William Howard Taft, James A. Garfield and John F. Kennedy.

[Read more about presidential tourism.](#)

[See a chart of tourist figures for all federally run presidential sites.](#)

D.C. Decoder: How to Read a Poll



D.C. DECODER:

HOW TO READ A POLITICAL POLL These days, it seems there's a poll for everything.

But can you trust them?

In this week's episode of Congress.org's "D.C. Decoder," veteran Washington journalist Craig Crawford shows you how to tell if a poll's results are legitimate.

One trick: Look for the margin of error.

[Click here to watch "D.C. Decoder."](#)

From Activism to Congress



Activism taught Rep. Rosa DeLauro how to be a lawmaker.

The Connecticut Democrat grew up surrounded by advocacy and politics. Her mother was politically active even before her gender got the right to vote, and both her parents served on city councils.

"I view the job that I hold as one of advocacy," DeLauro said.

She's part of a minority of lawmakers who made their way into politics through full-time activism rather than more traditional routes like law school or local politics.

Instead they organized protest rallies, got arrested over issues like apartheid, led sit-ins for civil rights, and created policy groups to put pressure on the very people they now work alongside.

[Read more about activists who get elected to Congress.](#)

[See a list of members of Congress who were activists.](#)

The Week in Activism



The tea parties can thank a rival group for pushing them back into the spotlight this week.

By sparking a debate on whether racism exists in the conservative movement, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People may have actually helped tea partyers.

Tea-party leaders were on nightly news shows as a result, lodging accusations of their own against the NAACP and creating a controversy that reignited their base.

With the help of political leaders like Sarah Palin , who criticized the NAACP resolution, tea parties also managed to get plenty of media coverage for a controversy that is four-months old.

It's unclear whether the NAACP saw that coming, but there's a lesson in there for activists: Even the most carefully planned actions can have unintended results.

[Read more about the week in Congressional activism.](#)

Health: Controversial Medicare Appointee Seated



President Obama took care of a little business while

Congress was away.

He appointed a new Medicare and Medicaid czar last week, avoiding a Senate confirmation process that he feared would be hijacked by Republican lawmakers still upset over the health care overhaul's passage.

It didn't stop his critics entirely. Fox News host Glenn Beck called Donald Berwick the second-most dangerous man in America. Conservative Pat Boone told Human Events that Berwick is the "kiss of death for seniors."

Berwick's previous comments about rationing health care and admiring the public health system in the U.K. have left many conservatives skeptical about his intentions.

[Read more about Berwick and other recent health news.](#)

The Hopper: Puppy Love

[Lawmakers introduce bills to expand federal protection for puppies.](#)



Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act

The Senate passed the final version of the financial regulation reform legislation. The president is expected to sign the bill into law this week.

Vote: 60-39

Telework Improvements Act

The House passed this bill that would set standards for federal employees working remotely. It would require the head of each federal agency to establish and implement a policy that would allow employees to work remotely as much as possible without diminishing agency operations or performance. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Vote: 290-131, 11 Not Voting

Flood Insurance Reform Priorities Act

The House passed this legislation that would reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program through September 2015. The bill heads to the Senate next.

Vote: 329-90, 13 Not Voting

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From: Weatherbee, Julie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 8:46 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
Subject: Can't hear you at City Council

Hey Steve,

Can you adjust your mic--we can't hear you well at home.

Thanks.

--Julie

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To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Re: FW: Position Statement of City Labor Committee on Ratification of Bargaining Agreements and Negotiations

Thanks.

On Mon, Jul 19, 2010 at 8:31 PM, Rapundalo, Stephen <SRapundalo@a2gov.org> wrote:

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From: Gayle Miller [gayle.miller@sierraclub.org]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 8:17 PM
To: Gayle Miller
Subject: Sierra Club Endorsements in your Michigan Districts

Dear Sierra Club Members,

Michigan's Primary Election is on August 3. This is a critically important election. In many districts (like yours!), the Primary will determine who represents you in Lansing. PLEASE VOTE on August 3, or via absentee ballot. Remember, you must vote a single party ticket in a primary!

The Sierra Club has endorsed the following pro-environment candidates:

- **Governor: Virg Bernero**
All Sierra Club members will get a separate email about Virg Bernero.
- **Your House District (District 53): Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor)** *Read a profile of Jeff*
- **Your Senate District (District 18): Please read a note about this race below**
- **Your Congressional House District (District 15):** Sierra Club did not endorse a candidate in your Congressional District

Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor)



Jeff Irwin was born into a political family, eventually studying politics and policy. In 1998, Jeff took a job with the League of Conservation Voters, engaging himself in political organizing for environmental protection. His work led to a position on the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners where he quickly got to work on greening county operations and land preservation.

In his ten years as a County Commissioner, Jeff realized that he wants to make a positive difference and truly loves Michigan. Jeff is extremely proud of his environmental record thus far and plans on continuing his work in the Legislature. His priorities for the legislature would be to reduce toxic pollutions, realize clean energy potential and to devoutly protect Michigan's unique places. We need Representatives like Jeff Irwin in the House of Representatives.

How you can help elect Jeff Irwin:

1. Volunteer to make phone calls to Sierra Club residents in your district who don't have email, letting them know who the Sierra Club has endorsed. Call the Sierra Club office at (517) 484-2372 or email gayle.miller@sierraclub.org to help!
2. Volunteer directly for Jeff's campaign: – <http://www.voteirwin.com/join.html> - he needs help with all kinds of tasks from mailings to knocking on doors.
3. Make a contribution directly to Jeff's campaign online at <http://www.voteirwin.com/contribute.html> or mail a check to: **Jeff Irwin for State Representative, 2542 Bellwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48104**
4. Make a contribution to the **Sierra Club Michigan Chapter's Political Action Committee** to help us help elect pro-environment candidates: Sierra Club Michigan Chapter PAC, 109 E. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906. (Contributions to the Michigan Chapter's PAC are not tax deductible.)

Senate District 18 – Pam Byrnes & Rebekah Warren

There are two excellent candidates running for Michigan's 18th Senate district – Representative **Rebekah Warren** and Representative **Pam Byrnes**.

Sierra Club has worked closely with both of these candidates during their tenure in the Michigan House of Representatives. Both of them have strong environmental values and have taken leadership on environmental issues. As such, the Sierra Club decided not to endorse one candidate over the other. Instead, the Sierra Club has chosen to engage in “activities short of endorsement” which allows us to tell you, our members, that these women are both good candidates – and that you need to make your decision on other factors.

Rebekah and Pam would both be excellent Senators and would represent the district well. Please visit their web sites, choose your candidate and help them in their bid for election.

Please VOTE August 3!! Thank you!!

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During these difficult economic times, the cooperation of these Unions, as well as the cooperation of the non-union employees of the City, is appreciated by the Council, and by the residents of the City. It should be noted that the changes in health care which we are ratifying in these contracts tonight provide the City with short term, immediate savings. However, the changes also provide long term savings related to retiree health care in the future.

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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 8:03 PM
Subject: Read: Trifecta - Tomukun Noodle Bar MLCC Denial

Your message

To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Anglin, Mike; Derezsinski, Tony
Cc: Fales, Mary Joan; Bowden (King), Anissa; Pfannes, Robert; Chamberlain, Kathleen; Fraser, Roger
Subject: Trifecta - Tomukun Noodle Bar MLCC Denial
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Subject: Read: Liquor Agenda

Your message

To: Rapundalo, Stephen; Anglin, Mike; Derezinski, Tony
Cc: Fales, Mary Joan; Bowden (King), Anissa; Chamberlain, Kathleen; Pfannes, Robert; Seto, John
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To: Hieftje, John
Subject: John : Follow-up to Your Invitation Into a Global Professional Directory

Dear John,

You were recently chosen as a potential candidate to represent your professional community in the 2010 Edition of **Strathmore's Who's Who**.

We are pleased to inform you that your candidacy was formally *approved* July 18th, 2010. Congratulations.

The Publishing Committee selected you as a potential candidate based not only upon your current standing, but focusing as well on criteria from executive and professional directories, associations, and trade journals. Given your background, the Director believes your profile makes a fitting addition to our online and hardcover publications.

There is no fee or obligation to be listed. As we are working off of secondary sources, we must receive verification from you that your profile is accurate. After receiving verification, we will validate your registry listing within seven business days.

Once finalized, your listing will share prominent registry space with thousands of fellow accomplished individuals across the globe, each representing accomplishment within their own geographical area.

To verify your profile and accept the candidacy, please [visit here](#).

Our registration deadline for this year's candidates is August 30th, 2010. To ensure you are included, we must receive your verification on or before this date. On behalf of our Committee I salute your achievement and welcome you to our association.

Sincerely,
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Vice President, Research Division

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To: Singleton, Sarah
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 7:44 PM
Subject: Read: Insurance Board minutes on agenda tonight

Your message

To: Teall, Margie; Higgins, Marcia; Derezhinski, Tony; Fraser, Roger
Cc: Dempkowski, Angela A; Rapundalo, Stephen; Hieftje, John; Petrak, Dave; Horning, Matthew
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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 7:27 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: RE: Greenbelt Tour

Carsten,

Sorry that I am just getting this email. We had about 25 people on the tour and stopped at 4 spots on the Greenbelt -- one in Scio Township, two in Webster and one in Ann Arbor. We've had some great response since then about the tour and after the annarbor.com article was posted, even received a couple of emails of folks wondering when the next one was scheduled.

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To: Trocchio, Ginny
Subject: Greenbelt Tour

Ginny,

If you have time, can you shoot me a quick email with stats from the Greenbelt tour for me to share at the meeting today?

How many participants, how many stops, noteworthy items, etc.

Thanks,
Carsten

Greenshields, Rachel

From: Darleen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 7:27 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Photos of flooding in Pittsfield Village
Attachments: 026.JPG; 008.JPG; 024.JPG; 001.JPG; 006.JPG; 022.JPG

Dear Stephen,

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me tonight about storm water flooding in Ann Arbor.

Attached are photos taken of flooding from Swift Creek overflowing over Packard at 7:00AM on June 6, 2010.

The areas shown are bordered by Pittsfield, Norwood, Whitewood and Packard.

Darleen Boynton

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