

**Ann Arbor City Council Special Session: November 10, 2011
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Corts, Carynne

From: statestr@a2state.com
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:17 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Re: RE: friends

No one is ever going to forget you! Send me your new email so I invite you to everything--including the parties. Don't ever think you let anyone down--sooner or later every political wave switches direction. We have to give her credit for tapping into the general mistrust and getting folks to think of her as a brake on too much democratic rule. The future is yet to be written.

Tom

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

From: "Rapundalo, Stephen" <SRapundalo@a2gov.org>
To: <statestr@a2state.com>
Sent: 11/10/2011 7:48:57 PM
Subject: RE: friends

Tom,

Thanks buddy! I appreciate all the support you and your merchants provided me. Sorry I let them down. Keep me in mind and don't be a stranger -- I'm always up for a party.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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From: statestr@a2state.com [<mailto:statestr@a2state.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 9:31 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: friends

Politics never seem to create good friends, you either become no friends or lifelong buddies. I hope all of us are in the latter. You served well and with a courage and conviction few have. I hope we will be working together soon.

Tom

Corts, Carynne

From: 资料资料 [wukaibqqb@yahoo.cn] on behalf of wukaibqqb@yahoo.cn
Sent: Sunday, October 30, 2011 11:37 PM
To: jhhlvtxj@pylocigq.com
Subject: 商品
Attachments: 商品

Sender: "料料" <smtp:wukaibqqb@yahoo.cn>
Message-ID: <DCCF64AACDD133A18AD1657EF49FABBB@nh>
Recipients:
"Hieftje, John" <smtp:JHieftje@a2gov.org>

Corts, Carynne

From: Raymond Detter [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:10 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Design Guidelines Board
Attachments: New Design Committee letter.doc; ATT46252948.htm

Marcia,

Speaking with you this evening I realized that I should have also sent a copy of our Committee letter to you. Thank you for your work in making this all possible.

Ray

Begin forwarded message:

From: Raymond Detter <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 10, 2011 5:46:26 PM GMT-05:00
To: Raymond Detter <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Christine Brummer <[REDACTED]>, "Ilene R. Tyler" <[REDACTED]>, Norman Tyler <[REDACTED]>, "Ethel K. Potts ((E-mail))" <[REDACTED]>, Steve Kaplan <[REDACTED]>, Murphy <[REDACTED]>, Hugh Sonk <[REDACTED]>, "C. Robert Snyder" <[REDACTED]>, Chris Crockett <[REDACTED]>, Peter Nagourney <[REDACTED]>, Peter Nagourney <[REDACTED]>, Tom Whitaker <[REDACTED]>, Alice Ralph <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Letter to Design Guidelines Board

To All of You Have Contributed So Much:

Attached is a pdf of the letter from us that was delivered today in hard copy to the Planning Department and all members of the Design Review Board. The hard copy went into the packet Board members are to pick up for next Wednesday's meeting. The Planning Department has also promised to send members of the Board a copy of the pdf. I hand delivered a copy to Dick Mitchell.

I also gave a copy to Jeff Kahan. He is the staff person who is working on the 618 South Main project.

**DOWNTOWN DESIGN GUIDELINES
NEIGHBORHOOD CITIZEN'S REVIEW COMMITTEE**

November 10, 2011

Design Review Board
Ann Arbor Planning Department
301 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647

Dear Members of the Ann Arbor Design Review Board:

The Downtown Design Guidelines Citizen's Review Committee is an independent group representing eight near-downtown residential neighborhood organizations. Formed in 2009, we worked with Mayor and Council to set up the Mayor's Downtown Design Review Task Force in 2010. Two of our members, Norm Tyler and Peter Pollack, were members of that Task Force. In 2011 we were pleased to support City Council's unanimous adoption of the Design Guidelines process.

Our members were present at the first Design Review Board meeting this June when you presented your advisory comments to the "Varsity" developers at 425 East Washington. We have been involved in every public meeting related to the Varsity proposal ever since.

The "Varsity" project goes before City Council for approval this week. On Wednesday, November 16, the Design Review Board will meet to discuss the newly proposed project at 618 South Main Street. We believe this new project presents an opportunity to incorporate changes to improve the design review process.

The Design Review Board recommendations are intended to educate developers, architects, planners and the entire community on possibilities for improving the design of new downtown buildings. That goal is helped when comments by Design Review Board members are related to specific design guidelines during the Board meeting. We believe Planning Staff did a good job of doing this in their "Summary of Priority Issues," which was included in the Planning and Development Services Staff Report for the Planning Commission public hearing in September.

However, it would help all of us if the design guidelines learning process begins during the Design Review Board meeting and if the "Summary" is easily available as soon as possible after that meeting. Those who attend the required Citizen's Participation meeting that follows the Design Review Board meeting would benefit from these comments from professionals.

Another group that would benefit tremendously from this change would be the Planning Commission itself. In the case of the "Varsity" project, Planning Commission members

seemed uninformed about Board comments even though the Board's comments were part of their packet at the public hearing. We believe a thorough discussion of the specific design elements should be a part of the discussions of the Planning Commission and the City Council before downtown projects are approved.

We are looking forward to the Design Review Board's discussion of the 618 S. Main project, with specific references to the project's compliance with the Design Guidelines, and hope that the Board's summary will have the earliest and widest possible distribution, including to the Planning Commission, City Council and to the public. Inclusion of the Board's Design Guidelines review in discussions and deliberations will help realize the thinking that led to the unanimous adoption of the Design Guidelines and Design Review Board process, will serve to educate our citizens about the city's Design Guidelines, and ideally will lead to development that maintains the integrity of our cityscape.

Christine Brummer
Christine Crockett
Ray Detter
Steve Kaplan

Barbara Murphy
Peter Nagourney
Ethel Potts
Ann Schriber

Robert Snyder
Hugh Sonk
Ilene Tyler
Norm Tyler

Tom Whitaker

Corts, Carynne

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:01 PM
To: EZEKIEL, DANIEL; Hohnke, Carsten
Cc: Hieftje, John; Trocchio, Ginny; Bowden (King), Anissa; Powers, Steve; Higgins, Sara
Subject: RE: Public Hearing on Greenbelt Boundary Change - Dan Ezekiel presentation

Carsten:

I have this scheduled for November 21 as a presentation...however, I don't see anything on the boundary change or a public hearing on the agenda. Do you know if this is coming late or has it been delayed to another meeting? Do you still want the introduction to be on this meeting?

Thanks,
Jackie

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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Think Green! Please don't print this e-mail unless absolutely necessary.

From: EZEKIEL, DANIEL [<mailto:ezekiel@aaps.k12.mi.us>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 6:28 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Cc: Beaudry, Jacqueline; Hieftje, John; Trocchio, Ginny
Subject: Public Hearing on Greenbelt Boundary Change

Carsten,

As per our conversation, I would be happy to present a brief intro to the proposed Greenbelt boundary change at the Public Hearing. I think the Public Hearing will be on Nov. 21. Please do whatever needs to be done to schedule this. I couldn't find an email address for Steve Powers, so could you please forward this to him as well?

Thank you very much,

Dan Ezekiel,
Chair, Greenbelt Advisory Commission

Corts, Carynne

From: Energy and Technology [ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG] on behalf of James Freed [james@JAMESRFREED.COM]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 9:48 PM
To: ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG
Subject: Re: energy & technology cmte

Can we skype in?

-James Freed

Sent from a secure BlackBerry device.

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

From: Thomas Winarski <thomas.winarski@ATT.NET>
Sender: Energy and Technology <ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG>
Date: Thu, 10 Nov 2011 18:30:10
To: <ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG>
Reply-To: Energy and Technology <ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG>
Subject: Re: energy & technology cmte

I plan on calling in to Monday's meeting.

Tom Winarski

From: Samantha Harkins <sharkins@MML.ORG>
To: ENGTECH@LISTSERV.MML.ORG
Sent: Thu, November 10, 2011 2:10:30 PM
Subject: energy & technology cmte

Good afternoon,

Attached is the latest substitute to Senate Bill 499 that we will be discussing on Monday in committee. I look forward to seeing you all there. Thanks!

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From: Mark Passerini [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 9:29 PM
To: Mark Passerini
Cc: Sabra Briere; Dennis Hayes; gene ragland; john rosevear; [REDACTED], Patti O'Rorke; DavidBlanchard; Briere, Sabra
Subject: Re: Our AG and his personal crusade against Medical Cannabis

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111110/NEWS06/111110057/Michigan-attorney-general-Police-can-seize-medical-pot-not-return-patients?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

On Nov 8, 2011, at 1:05 PM, Mark Passerini <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Great!!! As always, we will all be looking forward to your fantastic notes!

On Nov 8, 2011, at 11:40 AM, Sabra Briere <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I've signed up to attend.

Sabra

On Tue, Nov 8, 2011 at 12:01 PM, Dennis Hayes <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I'm not sure it's an open meeting, the invitation says lawenforcement and govt. people. I'm not sure this is the right gathering to organize a demonstration since he feeds off the public display. better to get someone to atend , take notes and get copies of his handouts which we can use to build the anti-schuette file. dmh

-----Original Message----- From: Mark Passerini
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 11:33 AM
To: Sabra Briere
Cc: gene ragland ; john rosevear ; [REDACTED] ; Patti O'Rorke ; DavidBlanchard ; Dennis Hayes ; Sabra Briere
Subject: Our AG and his personal crusade against Medical Cannabis

<http://www.mml.org/pdf/events/2011-MMA%20Seminar%20Invitation.pdf>

Schuette claims he is "clarifying" the MMMA. As many of us should go to these and ask him the tough questions!!!

Corts, Carynne

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
To: Elias, Abigail
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 9:25 PM
Subject: Read: Fuller Road Station talking points to UM 11102011.pptx

Your message

To: 'Dolen, Stephen'
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Cooper, Eli
Subject: RE: Fuller Road Station talking points to UM 11102011.pptx
Sent: 11/10/2011 8:09 PM

was read on 11/10/2011 9:25 PM.

Corts, Carynne

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:59 PM
To: Hohnke, Carsten
Subject: FW: pedestrian ordinance

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
995-3518 (home)
734-277-6578 (cell)*

From: A2rick [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 5:45 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Re: pedestrian ordinance

Thanks, Sabra. I was trying to get around the issue that I'm sure will be argued--that being stopped at the crosswalk doesn't necessarily mean the pedestrian has an intention of crossing. So the traffic ends up stopping for no reason. That will be the motoring public's biggest complaint.

In any case, I wish you success at Council. I very much appreciate your response and the underlying spirit of what you are trying to accomplish.

Rick Jensen

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

From: Briere, Sabra <SBriere@a2gov.org>
To: A2rick <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thu, Nov 10, 2011 5:33 pm
Subject: RE: pedestrian ordinance

I'll take your thoughts with me to the Council meeting. It may be that the Council will take those thoughts and use them to amend the amendment. <very big grin>

Sabra

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From: A2rick [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu 11/10/2011 3:57 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: pedestrian ordinance

Hi Sabra,

I'm still uncomfortable with the wording of the pedestrian ordinance.

- Only pedestrians or others using the crosswalk can "enter" it. Vehicles "pass through" crosswalks. Better language might be "...the driver of the vehicle shall stop **"before proceeding through the crosswalk..."** or "...shall stop **before reaching the crosswalk..."**, or "...shall **"not breach the crosswalk"**".

- "... and shall yield the right-of-way to **every pedestrian who is stopped at the curb or ramp leading to the crosswalk and who appears prepared to cross the street.** Vehicles must stop from all directions for every pedestrian present in any portion of the crosswalk even if the vehicle can pass through the crosswalk without impeding the progress of the pedestrian."

I feel like this language is a little clearer. It appears that we are trying to use as few words as possible in the ordinance, but in doing so, we don't adequately convey the intent.

I hope this is helpful.

Rick Jensen
Ann Arbor

Corts, Carynne

From: Portside Moderator [moderator@PORTSIDE.ORG]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:53 PM
To: PORTSIDE@LISTS.PORTSIDE.ORG
Subject: Stand for Freedom - Day of Action to Stop Ongoing Voting Rights Attacks

Stand for Freedom - Day of Action to Stop Ongoing Voting Rights Attacks

Civil Rights And Labor Leaders Call For Day Of Action To Stop Ongoing Voting Rights Attacks

NAACP, SEIU 1199, National Action Network, UFT, National Urban League, N.Y. Civil Liberties Union, National Council of La Raza, Advancement Project, Asian-American Legal Defense Fund, Hispanic Federation, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and others join coalition to stop voter suppression efforts nationwide

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 8, 2011

Contact: Ronnie Sykes: (917) 474-2287/ronnie@sykesgc.com

NEW YORK, NY- NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous and 1199SEIU President George Gresham joined civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton, National Urban League President Marc Morial, Hispanic Federation President Lillian Rodríguez López, United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew, President of the New York Civil Liberties Union President Donna Lieberman, Asian-American Legal Defense & Education Fund Executive Director Margaret Fung and others today at City Hall to announce the "Stand for Freedom" voting rights campaign. The coalition of nearly 20 groups also announced plans for a major mobilization on December 10th - United Nations Human Rights Day - to protest the attack on voting rights throughout the country.

Stand for Freedom is an aggressive nationwide effort to stop changes to state election laws that would suppress the rights of millions of Americans to vote in 2012 and beyond.

"We are in the midst of the greatest coordinated legislative attack on voting rights since the dawn of Jim Crow," said Jealous. "Voter ID laws are nothing but reincarnated poll taxes and literacy tests, and ex-felon voting bans serve the same purpose today as when they were created in the wake of the 15th Amendment guaranteeing ex-slaves the vote- suppressing voting numbers among people of color."

"The so-called problem of voter fraud is a myth, the percentage is miniscule," said George Gresham, President of 1199SEIU. "These new laws are suddenly being pushed after the historic 2008 presidential election when Americans headed to the polls in droves. Now as we prepare for the 2012 elections, it's difficult to believe that this isn't some kind of ploy to keep poor people, working people, or people of color away from the polls."

In dozens of states, new rules will create a modern-day poll tax by requiring voters to obtain and present official photo ID in order to cast a ballot. In many of these same states, new laws significantly cut early voting and Sunday voting opportunities as well.

"National Action Network and I see the assault on voters with Voter ID laws, the end of early voting, and other measures as a blatant attempt to undermine the Voter Rights Act," said Rev. Al Sharpton, President, National Action Network. "The Nation cannot honor Dr. King and undo his work at the same time. We will fight it in the courts and in the streets."

"From the beginning of our nation's founding, Americans have understood that voting was fundamental to their pursuit of freedom and equal opportunity," said Lillian Rodríguez Lázpez, President of the Hispanic Federation. "Any attempt to undermine the right to vote, especially when that effort is directed at historically marginalized groups, must be treated as an attack on the very ideals that created our country: democracy and equality. And that is why we stand up for freedom and continue to fight for the right to vote for all Americans."

African-Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, seniors, students, working women and immigrants will be disproportionately affected by the new laws, since many in these communities are less likely to have identification that complies with these strict rules.

"These block the vote efforts are a response to two factors: the unprecedented levels of political participation in 2008 by voters of color, and significant growth by communities of color, as reflected in the 2010 Census," concluded John Payton, LDF President and Director-Counsel. "This is a call to action for us to empower those communities to confront and to overcome this voting rights assault."

While voters in some states can request free photo IDs from state motor vehicles departments, they must still pay to obtain underlying documents, such as birth certificates, necessary to get the photo ID, possibly discouraging them from voting as a result.

"Now, just as before, they are seeking to block us from voting in order to make it easier to come after our other rights," said Mike Mulgrew, President of the United Federation of Teachers. "Everything we care about is at stake, from the right to a quality education to the right to a fair wage."

"We are standing up for the fundamental pillar of our democracy," said Judith Browne-Dianis, Co-Director of the Advancement Project. "Election Day is the one time we are all equal in America- rich or poor, black, Latino, Asian, Native American or white, young or old, we can all cast an equal vote to determine the shape of our government. Next year, millions of people could be barred from the voting booth. We cannot allow our rights to be stolen."

"Instead of getting in the way of civic engagement, we should be working together to encourage all Americans to exercise their right to vote," said New York Civil Liberties Union Executive Director Donna Lieberman.

Supporters of the new legislation, which according to The New York Times has advanced in 13 states over the past two months, claim the new rules prevent voter fraud, but opponents contend they create roadblocks to deter voters.

Rafael Collazo, Campaign Political Director for the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), added "It's just plain dishonest to claim that you are cutting back the days people can early vote or eliminating them entirely to cut down on fraud- there's just no link between the two and we cannot allow the proponents of these laws to continue using false arguments with the American people."

According to a report recently released by the Brennan Center for Justice, at least 38 states are considering or have considered voter ID and/or proof of citizenship laws including: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Delaware. The battleground states of Ohio and Pennsylvania were among those actively moving forward on voter ID legislation.

Hazel Dukes, President of the NAACP NYS Conference, added, "It is truly disheartening to see that nearly 50 years after passage of landmark Civil Rights legislation, our nation has not fully embraced the idea of change and equality. The enactment of these state election laws is

a reflection of a troubled past that we are forced to relive, and will only continue to impede progress of America and its people."

National Urban League President Marc Morial contended, "Attacks on voting rights are nothing short of attacks on democracy itself. We join with the NAACP in standing for freedom to resist these systemic attacks on voting rights."

"For nearly a century, there were Jim Crow laws in place that discouraged people of color from voting, said Wade Henderson, President of the Leadership Council on Civil and Human Rights. "Today, there are different laws, but the objective is the same-to prevent millions from exercising their right to vote."

The coalition of civil rights, labor and community groups, who also participated in today's announcement included:

- * Margaret Fung, Executive Dir. of the Asian-American Legal Defense & Education Fund
- * Stacie Royster, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- * Monifa Bandele, National Coalition On Black Civic Participation (NCBCP)
- * Veronica Byrd, Planned Parenthood

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From: Portside Moderator [moderator@PORTSIDE.ORG]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:51 PM
To: PORTSIDE@LISTS.PORTSIDE.ORG
Subject: Students Protest, Police Attack - UC Berkeley Police Beat Students; Thousands March in London Met with 'Total Policing' Tactics

Students Protest, Police Attack - UC Berkeley Police Beat Students; Thousands March in London Met with 'Total Policing' Tactics

1. UC Berkeley Police Beat Students in Sproul Plaza (The Atlantic)
2. Occupy Cal! - Photos by David Bacon
3. Students Marching Against Tuition Fees Met with 'Total Policing' Tactics (Guardian)

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UC Berkeley Riot Police Use Batons to Clear Students from Sproul Plaza

The unarmed 'Occupy Cal' protesters were ousted from their encampment late Wednesday, but regrouped for a mass rally and sit-in

by Conor Friedersdorf

The Atlantic
November 10, 2011

<http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2011/11/uc-berkeley-police-use-batons-to-clear-students-from-sproul-plaza/248228/>

[Video - Occupy Cal 11/9/11 - <http://youtu.be/buovLQ9qyWQ>]

In iconic Sproul Plaza, many hundreds or perhaps thousands of UC Berkeley students and Occupy Oakland activists clashed with university police late into the night Wednesday, after officers carried out instructions from administrators to clear Occupy Cal protesters from their makeshift encampment. "We formed a human barricade around our tents, and they just beat their way through it with batons," said one student. "It really, really hurt - I got the wind knocked out of me," another protester, doctoral student Shane Boyle, told the San Francisco Chronicle, showing the reporter a red welt on his chest. "I was lucky I only got hit twice," he added.

"After warning protesters that camping at the university is illegal, officers moved in and shoved demonstrators out of the way as they pushed toward the camp," the Contra Costa Times reported. "Six UC Berkeley students and an associate professor were arrested; charges included resisting officers and failing to disperse." The police succeeded in clearing away tents, but protesters refused to leave the plaza, insisting that they'd camp there with or without equipment. Protesters with smartphones took turns webcasting video from the scene, and ultimately voted around 1 am to approve a University of California-wide general strike to be held Tuesday of next week.

It took a couple hours to settle on that plan. Around 11:30 pm, students were massed in the plaza shouting at perhaps a couple hundred officers.

Quoth one chant, "Your families will see this."

Only afterward did they begin deliberating en masse.

The scene played out in a space most famous as ground zero during the 1964 Free Speech Movement. Sproul Plaza has since seen anti-Vietnam War sit-ins, anti-apartheid rallies, anti-Iraq War protests, and any number of smaller activist gatherings. A stroll through the plaza on an average day when school is in session is as colorful a scene as there is on campus, as student groups advertise, activists hand out leaflets, and nearby drum circles beat away.

The Daily Cal explains what precipitated the day's events:

The campuswide day of action in support of affordable higher education and the Occupy movement has grown throughout the day to over a thousand students at its peak in the early afternoon, from teach-outs in the morning to a noontime rally that was attended by about 1,000 people.

The protest activities thus far have mirrored past protests with teach-outs and a rally on Sproul Plaza, but in addition to a focus on state budget cuts and the affordability of higher education, the protest has strongly identified with the national Occupy movement and included a march to Bank of America on Telegraph Avenue.

The video at the top of this post captures a violent clash that occurred earlier in the day, when police aggressively pummeled student protesters with their batons. Said Matt Welch, editor of Reason magazine, "Watch cops at Occupy Berkeley launch coordinated baton attack against unarmed students."

As midnight approached, police were summoning reinforcements as protesters chanted, "The chancellor took our tents, but look, we took the plaza." Said another speaker: "Police are not our enemy in this fight. We must above all remain peaceful." The "human microphone" was later seized by an OWS ally from across the bay. "Occupy SF has brought some wifi," he said. "If you want the password come up here -- I can't give it to everyone including the police." Activists live-streaming from the scene at midnight claimed around 10,000 viewers as one protester after another began calling for a University of California-wide all student strike. The proposal was debated via the human microphone, and ultimately passed with 569 in favor and 31 against.

One observer estimated that about half the people present participated in the vote.

In related news, The Oakland Tribune reported the following just before Wednesday's events:

Citing excessive force and free speech violations by police during protests in Oakland and at UC Berkeley, the Berkeley City Council this week refused a mutual aid agreement with university police and nixed agreements with other police agencies on regional domestic surveillance. Council members used news reports of police using excessive force at the Occupy Oakland protests and at previous protests at UC Berkeley as reason for not renewing the agreements that usually are approved each year without fanfare.

In addition, the council did not renew an agreement with the federal government on detaining illegal immigrants at the city jail. The 8-0 vote, with Mayor Tom Bates abstaining, means the council will revisit those agreements at a later date after scrutinizing them more thoroughly.

University of California campuses are patrolled by state police officers.

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Occupy Cal! Photos by David Bacon

BERKELEY, CA - 09NOVEMBER11 - Students at the University of California walk out of classes to protest budget cuts and rising tuition, and to support the New York City demonstration, Occupy Wall Street. The rally protested economic inequality and its impact on students, the poor and the young -- in the words of the occupy movement, a protest by the 99% of the people who are exploited by a system that only benefits the top 1%.

Later that night, students were beaten by police batons as they tried to set up tents in Sproul Plaza, and six students and an assistant professor were arrested. Student continued to occupy the plaza without tents, however.

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Students Marching Against Tuition Fees Met with 'Total Policing' Tactics

Large areas of city blocked off as 4,000 officers police
largely peaceful protest but Trafalgar Square camp
quickly cleared

By Alexandra Topping and Shiv Malik

Guardian (UK)

November 9, 2011

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/nov/09/student-tuition-fees-protest-policing>

[Photos: <http://tinyurl.com/6r4smds>]

Thousands of students and protesters marched through London to protest against tuition fees and the "privatisation" of the higher education system on Wednesday, flanked by a huge police presence determined to ensure the violent scenes that erupted last year were not repeated.

Fulfilling their promise of "total policing", 4,000 officers took to the streets as Metropolitan police commanders blocked off large areas of the capital, bringing in dozens of mounted officers and blocking off roads with 10-ft high barricades.

Protesters from the Occupy movement - which has been at St Paul's since mid-October - set up camp in Trafalgar Square with the aim of remaining until the mass strike of 30 November. They were quickly moved on by police, who also announced "additional conditions" for the march after it had begun.

A group of 50 protesters who set up about 30 "pop-up" tents refused to leave and were arrested for contravening the Public Order Act, according to the police.

Minor clashes broke out during the march but highly organised police units acted immediately to disrupt the snaking line of protesters and block off areas of trouble.

Despite 24 arrests and intermittent attacks on police with bottles and pieces of wood the protest was largely peaceful.

Last year 153 were arrested when protests spiralled out of control after a fringe group of protesters hurled missiles at police and occupied the building housing Conservative party headquarters, after up to 50,000 took to the streets.

Before the protests police warned that baton rounds of plastic bullets could be used to prevent disorder for "extreme" measures. They also sent hundreds of letters to anti-cuts activists arrested in connection with previous public disorder offences warning of the consequences of attending the student demonstration.

One group of about 30 protesters calling themselves the Black Bloc, with covered faces and matching black hoodies, linked arms and could be seen through the crowd on occasions but no major disturbances were reported.

Many on the march - which began outside the University College London campus at midday before travelling to Trafalgar Square then on to the City - complained of "intimidating" tactics by the police.

"People who were involved in the protests last year were sent letters, police are threatening to use plastic bullets

- I think it's put a lot of people off," said Anthony, a 19-year-old Liverpool University student who did not want to give his surname. "People have been worried, I've been hurt by the police, I've got friends who have been injured by the police. But it's not going to stop us, we are going to keep coming back."

National Campaign against Fees and Cuts, which organised the protests, said 10,000 had attended; police put the number at about 2,500. Evidence from helicopter pictures suggested the figure was somewhere between the two.

One of the protesters who briefly set up in Trafalgar Square, calling himself Leon, said they wanted to "bring people together" in the space but were soon moved on.

At 2pm, two hours after the march had begun, police announced protesters had to restrict the rally to the route and were prohibited from entering seven areas of the city.

Anyone who failed to comply would be "committing an offence and may be liable to arrest", said a police spokesperson.

As the march passed through London's narrower streets, accompanied by a bass-heavy sound system, tension between demonstrators and police mounted as police held the front of the march to keep the thousands of protesters on the three-mile route together. Plain-clothes officers made snatch arrests, sparking volleys of bottles and placard sticks at police. Similar skirmishes continued until the march reached its destination in the City of London.

At the end of the demonstration the crowd were released into the Moorgate area of the City of London, where protesters were informed that a dispersal order would begin at precisely 5.41pm. By 6pm the streets were clear.

Yasmin Elgouze, an A-level student, 17, said protesters would not be distracted by police "bully tactics". She said:

"Today is not about violence, it's about talking. It is not a violent revolution it is a revolution of ideas. The majority of people are here to exercise their right to peaceful protest, not to fight."

Like many at the protest she identified with the worldwide Occupy movement, which has seen the occupation at St Paul's and dozens of cities around the world. "People are hugely

discontented about what is happening in this country, they know it isn't right they have ideas about how it could be better and they want to discuss that."

Amid chants of "No ifs, no buts, no education cuts" and a variety of disparaging remarks about the educational backgrounds of much of the cabinet, a history student, Mohamed, 21, said the protests were part of a movement to raise public awareness. "It's an exciting opportunity for justice and fairness. Together we have the power to change things," he said. He was protesting against the "privatisation" of the education system as well as the hike in tuition fees, which are set to rise to a maximum of Â£9,000 a year at England's universities next year, he added.

"The white paper is set to turn our university system into a training ground for companies; education should be about the pursuit of knowledge."

Taking a break from loudspeaker duties, Becci Heangney said protesters needed to unite. "The government isn't listening," she said. "Everyone here needs to get involved in the strike on November 30, and support Occupy. That is what is going to make the government sit up and listen." Along the route workmen downed tools to watch the protest, some holding up placards and shouting support. Cab drivers caused tailbacks around Trafalgar Square after holding a "mass drive-in" to protest over licensing rules, while electricians, plumbers and engineers from across the country joined a rally at Blackfriars.

Michael Chessum of the National Campaign against Fees and Cuts, said university education was being reduced to a "consumer commodity". He said: "The government's higher education white paper is a chaotic, frankly kind of incompetent attempt to introduce a market into higher education. It will end higher education as a public service in the UK, it will introduce for-profit providers, it will mean a market in fees, and it will mean universities [...] may well be forced to close or to privatise."

By the early evening the protest was over, but those at St Paul's caught a surprise gig by Tom morello from Rage Against the Machine, who said he was there to "express his solidarity with the 99%." He said: "This is a worldwide class-based movement of people standing up against the oppression of corporate power. The lesson of the Arab spring is if you want change all you have to do is walk out of your front door and just do it."

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- * Net Neutrality Is Under Attack ... Again (Al Franken)

This issue has got to be connected to the Occupy movement.

It needs to be brought to the fore by Occupy now, this week, to try to halt the attempt in the Senate to override the FCC's Net Neutrality rules.

As Franken says, this is THE most important free speech issue of this century.

The 1% have already gained control of election financing, the broadcast media, and newspapers. The internet is the only remaining source of free information flow. If this is closed, the people will not stand a chance against the corporate onslaught. There will be no way for ideas that are alternative to those that are created by and for the benefit of powerful and wealthy corporations to get a hearing in the public consciousness.

The owners of the big banks of Wall Street are one and the same as the owners of big Telecom. Verizon, AT&T, Comcast, Charter, Southwestern Bell et al. must be identified in the public's mind as just another face of Wall Street -- and I don't think this is yet widely recognized. Many people still have warm and cuddly feelings for the purveyors of iPhones and other "smart" phones. They are not your friend.

Jon Koerner, Ph.D.
North Carolina

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- * Re: Bahrain's Courageous Doctors

Scandalous behaviour of U.S. State Department and American Medical Association needing broad dissemination. Why is this not in the papers? M.

MaivÃ¢n Clech LÃ¢m

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* Re: Israel Will Not Attack Iran. Period.

When Cheney was foaming at the mouth and pushing as hard as he could for an attack on Iran, General Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave a briefing to the President, Vice, and their security staff. What he said was fairly simple (even Bush got it after a few repetitions).

I'm paraphrasing, but its essence was, "Sir, No Sir! We cannot carry out this mission you are demanding we plan for.

It can't be done without going nuclear. We do not have all the targets even identified, and we cannot take them out with conventional weapons. As to the nuclear option, have you ever heard of something called 'politics', sir? Let me explain it to you, sir, because it is important. If we nuke Iran, we are going to make an awful lot of people very unhappy with us. A whole potfull of people, everywhere in the world. And sir? We cannot protect American interests if the whole world is out to get us, sir. So why don't you drop this stupid assed idea, sir?" Pace reported back to the Chiefs, and they dragged him over the coals for sugar coating the message.

I hope someone tells Obama.

Jack Radey

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* Comcast workers petition Labor Board for vote on collective bargaining

Comcast Workers United

News from IBEW Local 2322, November 2011 <http://ibew2322.com> For more info contact: Steve Smith (978) 302-3690

Customer Communication Technicians who work out of Comcast's Fall River and Fairhaven offices have petitioned the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to supervise a union representation election. If a majority of the techs vote for union representation it will finally compel management to begin talks with employees for improvements in wages and working conditions.

The technicians have been pursuing collective bargaining for over a year. In September 2010, a majority of the workers signed up with IBEW Local 2322 and requested that management voluntarily recognize their new union. Workers sought voluntary recognition because of management's history of aggressive -- and sometimes illegal -- interference in workers' freedom to choose a voice at work.

When Comcast management refused to voluntarily begin talks about wages and working conditions, the techs enlisted support from their elected officials, other Comcast workers and community groups to pressure Comcast into recognizing their union.

Congressmen Barney Frank, Jim McGovern, Stephen Lynch, Bill Keating, John Tierney and Senator John Kerry have repeatedly urged Comcast to begin talks with its employees. Hundreds of unionized Comcast workers across the country have signed letters of solidarity and support

for their co-workers in Massachusetts. In another show of support, many Massachusetts communities have sought to include workers' rights as part of their franchise agreements with Comcast.

"While we weren't successful at getting Comcast to sit down and talk with us, we are more confident than ever that collective bargaining and a union contract is what we need to have job security at Comcast," said Brian Almeida, a tech from the Fall River garage with ten years of service.

"Management recently made some changes in our working conditions that could adversely affect our service and our work," Almeida continued. "We really need collective bargaining to have a stronger voice on a broad range of issues."

"Over the last year we have become better informed about our rights and more united on the job," said Christine Dexter, a tech who spoke at a White House forum on workers' rights last March. "It has given us the confidence to move ahead with an NLRB election."

The workers' petition was filed with the NLRB on November 4. The union vote is expected in about six weeks.

For updates about the Comcast workers union, visit the Comcast Union Bulletin Board at: <http://comcastunion.blogspot.com> or call (978) 302-3690.

Rand Wilson

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* Re: Thousands Demonstrate Against the Tar Sands/Keystone Pipeline, Two articles

Thanks for sending out my article on this, but when you send out an email with people's input on your pieces the way you periodically do, could you re-send this link? The one that I included with my article didn't work. This one does:

<http://www.grist.org/article/2011-11-07-encircling-the-white-house-a-new-beginning-is-here>

Ted Glick

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* Some history (video) - The Rich Will Live and the Poor Will Dive

http://youtu.be/9ANuvccHM_M

The Panic Is On. Hezekiah Jenkins. 1931
zebuzzeo.blogspot.com/

[thanks to Chuck Levenstein for sending this to Portside]

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* Re: REWIND - A Week of Quotes & Cartoons

Monday's Tuesday's Thursday's and Saturday's cartoons this week all target Republicans.

It is so easy to attack the Republicans, and, I would have thought, not at all Portsideish!

In the mean time, not a single cartoon targets the Democrats. Have you dropped the idea that you "provide material of interest to people on the left"? Have you substituted the idea that the Democrats are the good guys and the Republicans are the bad guys? Or maybe you now believe that you provide material of interest to people on the left of the Democratic Party.

I expect more from you than that.

Gene Glickman

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* Re: Iceland and Argentina

Iceland, Argentina

Reference the factually inaccurate article on Iceland:

Europeans (and others) would gain more inspiration from the example of Argentina, probably. Under President Néstor Kirchner it defaulted, stood up to the IMF, negotiated repayment of a gigantic debt on its own terms, and has since had over 8 years of sustained growth and increased welfare, with Néstor's successor, Cristina Fernández being re-elected in October 2011 with 54% support.

Daniel Morgan

[Moderator's Note: We sent out a correction to this article last Friday. See also - A Deconstruction of "Iceland's On- going Revolution"

<http://grapevine.is/Features/ReadArticle/A-Deconstruction-of-Iceland's-Ongoing-Revolution>]

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Nov 17 - Out of the Park and into the Streets. 99% Day of Action -- Make Wall Street pay, restore Main Street

Thursday, November 17 Â· 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Foley Square
Duane and Centre St
New York, NY

Join members of the 99% coming from Subway Speak Outs, Occupy Wall Street, community and labor groups to converge on Foley Square for a massive rally for Jobs and Justice!

From there we take to the street to reclaim the economy from the 1%

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more information - <https://www.facebook.com/BeyondMay12>

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Make Wall Street pay, restore Main Street

http://action.workingfamiliesparty.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=4979

Make Wall Street pay, restore Main Street

Three years after Wall Street speculators and the big banks got bailed out for bringing the economy to its knees, they still haven't paid to help clean up the mess they made for the 99%. But that could change. Oregon Congressman Pete DeFazio (D-WF) and Iowa Senator Tom Harkin (D) just introduced a bill to establish a tiny tax discouraging Wall Street's most reckless gambles. And it uses the revenue to fund investment in job creation and retention.

Tell your Members of Congress to cosponsor the bill!

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We Won! - Tar Sands - Keystone Pipeline is Killed - BIG NEWS: We won. You won.

Incredible news: the President just delayed the decision on the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, effectively killing the project!

This is an amazing victory for our movement, and a demonstration of people power in action. But we can't back down now -- we need to pledge to take this fight forward, and stand up to Keystone and other tar sands projects as we take this movement forward.

VICTORY: Take the Keystone Pledge

350.org - We're Building a Global Movement to Solve the Climate Crisis (<http://www.350.org/>)
<http://act.350.org/sign/keystone-pledge>

After relentless campaigning, the Keystone XL pipeline has been killed! The Obama Administration will be requesting a 12-18 month review for the Keystone XL pipeline, effectively eliminating the potential the project would go through, according to most analysts.

This is incredible news -- and a perfect demonstration of how people power can change history.

Here's just a sampling of what we did together over the last six months:

- * hundreds of thousands of people sent in petitions to the White House and the State Department
- * 1254 people were arrested protesting in front of the White House in August
- * over 12,000 people encircled the White House on November 6 to demand President Obama stop the pipeline, and people around the world took action in solidarity.
- * an unprecedented coalition of ranchers, indigenous groups, environmental organizations, labor unions, and more have united to stop this dangerous pipeline.

Now we need to make a powerful statement that we'll never back down -- take the pledge in the box on the right to show that you're in it to win it, as long as it takes.

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BIG NEWS: We won. You won.

From: Bill McKibben, 350.org <organizers@350.org <http://350.org/>

Dear Friends,

Um, we won. You won.

Not completely. The President didn't outright reject the Keystone XL pipeline permit. My particular fantasy -- that he would invite the 1253 people arrested on his doorstep in August inside the gates for a victory picnic by the vegetable garden -- didn't materialize.

But a few minutes ago the President sent the pipeline back to the State Department for a thorough re-review, which most analysts are saying will effectively kill the project. The president explicitly noted climate change, along with the pipeline route, as one of the factors that a new review would need to assess. There's no way, with an honest review, that a pipeline that helps speed the tapping of the world's second-largest pool of carbon can pass environmental muster.

And he has made clear that the environmental assessment won't be carried out by cronies of the pipeline company -- that it will be an expert and independent assessment. We will watch that process like hawks, making sure that it doesn't succumb to more cronyism. Perhaps this effort will go some tiny way towards cleaning up the Washington culture of corporate dominance that came so dramatically to light here in emails and lobbyist disclosure forms.

It's important to understand how unlikely this victory is.

Six months ago, almost no one outside the pipeline route even knew about Keystone XL. One month ago, a secret poll of "energy insiders" by the National Journal found that "virtually all" expected easy approval of the pipeline by year's end. As late as last week the CBC reported that Transcanada was moving huge quantities of pipe across the border and seizing land by eminent domain, certain that its permit would be granted. A done deal has come spectacularly undone.

Our movement spoke loudly about climate change and the President responded. There have been few even partial victories about global warming in recent years so that makes this an important day. We need to let the president and oil companies know that we're ready to take action should they try to push this pipeline through in a couple of years. There's a pledge to take bold action against the pipeline up on our site, and I'll be keeping your names and emails safely stored away so that you'll be the first to know about anything we need to do down the road.

Please sign the pledge here.

<http://act.350.org/sign/keystone-pledge/>

The President deserves thanks for making this call -- it's not easy in the face of the fossil fuel industry and its endless reserves of cash. The deepest thanks, however, go to you: to indigenous peoples who began the fight, to the folks in Nebraska who rallied so fiercely, to the scientists who explained the stakes, to the environmental groups who joined with passionate common purpose, to the campuses that lit up with activity, to the faith leaders that raised a moral cry, to the labor leaders who recognized where our economic future lies, to the Occupy movement that helped galvanize revulsion at insider dealing, and most of all to the people in every state and province who built the movement that made this decision inevitable.

Our fight, of course, is barely begun. Some in our movement will say that this decision is just politics as usual: that the President wants us off the streets -- and off his front lawn -- until after the election, at which point the administration can approve the pipeline, alienating its supporters without electoral consequence. The president should know that if this pipeline proposal somehow reemerges from the review process we will use every tool at our disposal to keep it from ever being built; if there's a lesson of the last few months,

both in our work and in the Occupy encampments around the world, it's that sometimes we have to put our bodies on the line.

In the meantime, since federal action will be in abeyance for a long stretch, we need to figure out how best to support our Canadian brothers and sisters, who are effectively battling against proposed pipelines west from the tar sands to the Pacific. And we need to broaden our work to take on all the forms of 'extreme energy' now coming to the fore: mountaintop removal coal mining, deepsea oil drilling, fracking for gas and oil. We'll keep sending you updates; you keep letting us know what we need to do next.

Last week, scientists announced that the planet had poured a record amount of CO2 into the atmosphere last year; that's a sign of how desperate our battle is. But we take courage from today's White House announcement; it gives us some clues about how to fight going forward.

And I simply can't say thank you enough. I know, because of my own weariness, how hard so many of you have worked. It was good work, done in the right spirit, and it has secured an unlikely victory. You are the cause of that victory; you upended enormous odds.

I'm going to bed tired tonight. But I'll get up in the morning ready for the next battle, more confident because I know you're part of this fight too.

Onwards,

Bill McKibben for the 350.org Team

P.S. Victories need to be shared. Let's make this one fly all over the web: share it on Twitter here and share it on Facebook here.

<http://act.350.org/go/715?akid=1400.561674.wapcTg&t=4>

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MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS

U.S. to Delay Decision on Pipeline Until After Election - The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/11/us/politics/administration-to-delay-pipeline-decision-past-12-election.html>

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Progressive Victories in Ohio, Mississippi, Maine, Arizona Provide Seven Key Lessons for 2012

by Robert Creamer

Huffington Post
November 9, 2011

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-creamer/progressive-victories-in_b_1084529.html

A year ago the Empire struck back. Right Wing money capitalized on anger at the economic stagnation that their own policies caused just two years before. They brought a halt to the hard-won progressive victories that marked the first two years of Barack Obama's presidency.

Last night the progressive forces tested some of the weapons and tactics they will use in next year's full-blown counter offensive. They worked very, very well.

Progressives won key elections in Ohio, Maine, Mississippi, and Arizona.

The importance of yesterday's labor victory in Ohio cannot be overstated. It could well mark a major turning point in the history of the American labor movement -and the future of the American middle class.

The people of Ohio rejected right wing attempts to destroy public sector unions by an astounding 61% to 39%.

Progressives in Ohio won 82 out of 88 counties.

In his "concession," the author of the union-stripping bill, Governor John Kasich, looked like a whipped dog. He was.

Last night's victory will have a direct and immediate impact on the livelihoods of thousands of middle class state employees in Ohio. It will stall similar attempts to destroy unions in other states. It will turbo-charge the campaign to oust Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker who jammed a union-stripping measure through his own legislature. And it will massively weaken Kasich and other Republicans in Ohio.

But last night's victory also carried critical lessons for the progressive forces throughout America as we prepare for the crossroads, defining battle of 2012.

Lesson #1: Creating a Movement. The industrial state labor battles that culminated in last night's overwhelming Ohio success transformed the image of unions from a large bureaucratic "special interest" that negotiates for workers and are part of the "establishment" -- into a movement to protect the interests of the American Middle Class.

The Republican Governors who began these battles hoped to make a bold move to destroy union power. In fact, they have succeeded in creating their worst nightmare -- the rebirth of a labor movement.

That is critically important for the future of unions - which by any measure provide the foundation of progressive political power in the United States. It also provides an important lesson for every element of the Progressive community.

These battles put the "movement" back in "labor movement."

And the importance of "movement" can't be overstated.

Particularly at a time when people are unhappy with the direction of the country and desperately want change -- they don't want leaders who appear to be embedded parts of the status quo. They want to be part of movements for change.

Movements have three critical characteristics:

They make people feel that they are part of something bigger than themselves.

They make people feel that they themselves can play a significant role in bringing about that larger goal.

They involve "chain reactions" -- they go viral. You don't have to only engage people in movements one by one or one or group by group. They begin to engage each other.

Because they make people feel that they are part of something larger than themselves -- and that they can personally be a part of achieving that larger goal -- movements inspire and empower. And for that reason they give people hope.

To win, Progressives must turn the anger and dissatisfaction with the present into inspiration and hope for the future.

The labor movement turned the battle in Ohio into a fight for the future of America's middle class. It turned the battle into a fight over the dignity of everyday working people -- and their right to have a say in their future.

Instead of being about "contracts," it was about "freedom."

Lesson #2: It's much easier to mobilize people to protect what they have than to fight for something to which they aspire.

Every one of the big victories yesterday involved battles that had been framed as attempts by the Right -- or their allies on Wall Street - to take away the rights of everyday Americans.

In Ohio, it was the right to collectively bargain about their future. In Maine, it was the right to same-day voter registration. In Mississippi it was the right to use contraceptives - - once it became clear that the so-called "personhood" amendment was not just about abortion, but ultimately about a woman's right to use birth control. In Arizona, it was the rights of Latino Americans.

And of course, that's why the Republicans' plan to privatize Social Security and eliminate Medicare are so toxic for them in the election next year.

Among referenda yesterday, the one progressive setback came in the largely symbolic vote -- once again in Ohio -- against the Health Care Reform Act's mandate to buy insurance. The very same people who had voted against taking away the rights of their neighbors to join a union - - also voted against being "forced" to buy health insurance.

The whole issue of the "mandate" is the major card the Right has played against the critically important Health Care Reform Act. Of course the whole issue could have been framed differently. The "mandate" to start paying Medicare premiums when you're sixty-five isn't framed as a "mandate." People do it, both because they really want to get on Medicare, and because if they wait to pay premiums until they need it, their premiums go way up.

That's why a Public Option was so popular with the voters. You got to choose to join something you wanted. But it's also the way we should have framed the overall "mandate" to get insurance -- with premium penalties if you fail to "opt in."

Once the health care law becomes a fact on the ground that benefits ordinary people, every day, it will certainly become very popular. But that will wait until 2014 when most of its provisions go into effect. Once it does go into effect, if they try to take away those benefits and the Right will run into a firestorm of opposition.

Of course if Romney is the Republican candidate next year, we don't have to worry about the "mandate" issue at all. In fact, our attitude should be "go ahead, make my day." It will be simple to neutralize any attack by Romney or Super-Pacs on Democrats about "mandates" by simply pointing out that the entire question is just one more example of how Romney has no core values -- since he authored and passed the Massachusetts health care law built around "mandates."

In the end, Romney's lack of core values is a much more powerful message than anything having to do with "mandates."

Lesson #3: Framing the battle is key. In every one of these issue referenda, Progressives won the framing battle.

In Ohio, Progressives made the fight into a battle for the rights of the middle class -- part of the overarching battle between the 99% and the 1%.

In Maine, Progressives made the battle into a fight over the right to register to vote. Of course the right wing frame was that eliminating same-day registration provided protection against "voter fraud." That was pretty hard to sustain given the fact that there had been exactly two instances of "voter fraud" involving same-day registration in 28 years.

The Mississippi "personhood amendment" was framed as a battle over the rights of women to use birth control - not to make "miscarriage" a crime.

Lesson #4: Turnout is king. In Virginia, a Republican candidate leads his Democratic opponent by only 86 votes, so a recount will determine whether the Republicans there take control of the State Senate.

Turnout in the Virginia contests was low.

In Ohio, by contrast, 400,000 more voters went to the polls yesterday than in the elections in 2010. That's one big reason why Progressives won.

And it wasn't just inspiration and great messaging that turned them out. Rank and file union members and Progressives of all sorts conducted massive get out the vote efforts in every corner of the state.

After all, victory isn't just about great strategy, mostly it's about nuts and bolts -- it's about great execution. In Ohio they had both.

In Arizona, the Latino community mobilized to defeat the author of Arizona's "papers please" law, State Senator Russell Pearce. He lost a recall election, by seven points, 52.4% to 45.4%. The Pearce defeat is just one more example of how the Republicans play the

"immigration" card at their peril -- and how important the Latino vote will be to the outcome next year in critical states like New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Florida -- and Arizona.

Pearce didn't count on Latinos going out to vote. They did.

Lesson #5: Progressives win when we stand up straight. We won last night where we stood proudly for progressive values

-- planted the flag -- mobilized our forces and took the offensive.

People in America are not looking for leaders who apologize for their progressive beliefs or are willing to compromise those principles even before they enter the fight. They want leaders who will fight for the middle class, and fight for change; who stand up against the big Wall Street banks and the CEO class that they believe - correctly - have siphoned off the nation's wealth, and whose greed has caused the economy to collapse.

People are willing to compromise when it seems to advance the common good -- but only after their leaders have done everything in their power to defend their interests -- and have mobilized them to defend their own interests.

Lesson #6: The face of the battle in Ohio was your neighbor.

The Republicans bet that they could make public employees the "Welfare Queens" of our time. They bet that they could make public employees the scapegoats for all that has gone wrong with the American economy -- that they could divide the middle class against itself.

They bet wrong.

Turned out to be impossible to convince everyday Americans that firefighters, cops, and teachers were greedy villains.

Normal voters recognized them as their neighbors -- as people just like themselves.

The 99% versus the 1% frame is critical to making clear that the problem with our economy has nothing to do with how much teachers, or firefighters, or steel workers, or home care workers, or Social Security recipients make for a living. It has everything to do with growing economic inequality, the exploding financial sector, and an unproductive class of speculators and gamblers who don't make anything of value but siphon off all of our increased productivity.

Lesson #7: Progressives win when we frame the issue as a moral choice.

In Ohio, Progressives did not frame the debate as a choice between two sets of policies and programs. They posed the question as a choice between two different visions of the future.

It was a choice between an America with a strong, vibrant, empowered middle class, where every generation can look forward to more opportunity than the one that went before - or, a society with a tiny wealthy elite and a massive population of powerless workers who do their bidding.

It was posed as a choice between a society where we're all in this together -- where we look out for each other and take responsibility for our future as a country -- or as a society where we're all in this alone -- where only the strong, or the clever, or the ruthless can thrive.

If given a clear, compelling choice, Americans will chose a progressive vision of the future every time.

[Robert Creamer is a long-time political organizer and strategist, and author of the book: Stand Up Straight: How Progressives Can Win, available on Amazon.com. He is a partner in Democracy Partners and a Senior Strategist for Americans United for Change. Follow him on Twitter @rbcreamer.]

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Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 9:04 PM
To: Higgins, Marcia
Subject: You've Been Selected for the Worldwide Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals

Hi Higgins,

You were recently appointed as a biographical candidate for inclusion in the prestigious **Worldwide Who's Who** directory of accomplished executives and professionals.

We are pleased to inform you that on November 7th your candidacy was formally approved by our editorial staff. Congratulations!

The office of the Managing Director appoints individuals based upon a candidate's current position and also focuses on information obtained from researched executive and professional listings. Given your background, the Director thinks that you may make an interesting biographical subject for online publication.

There is NO COST nor obligation to be certified by Professional Biographies and listed in the **Worldwide Who's Who** directory.

After receiving verification, we will validate your registry listing within seven business days. Once finalized, your profile will share prominent registry space with thousands of fellow accomplished individuals across the globe - each representing accomplishments within their own geographical area.

Your prompt response is needed to ensure your correct professional information. Upon final confirmation, you will also receive a Personal Website.

Click here to verify your information, accept the candidacy in Worldwide Who's Who and receive your Personal Website (including your professionally written biography).

Our registration deadline for this round is November 30th, 2011.

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 look forward to welcoming you to our association.

Benjamin Morrison
Editor in Chief

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Corts, Carynne

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sara Weiner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:40 PM
To: yasmaz [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Urgent: act today to keep Ann Arbor safe for people on foot

Good Evening,

I am a student at the School of Public Health on Observatory Street and Washington Heights in Ann Arbor. In this area, the UMHS employees and patients are leaving at all hours and it is very difficult to cross Observatory Street. It is imperative that laws stay in place to protect pedestrians in a densely populated and frequently traveled area.

Please consider the grave implications to the community and the dangers to students, faculty, construction personnel, those with special needs, and others who rely on the local laws and crosswalks for their safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sara Weiner
School of Public Health
Health Management and Policy

Corts, Carynne

From: Briere, Sabra
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:40 PM
Subject: Read: RE: Medical Marijuana Board

Your message

To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Medical Marijuana Board
Sent: 11/10/2011 7:49 PM

was read on 11/10/2011 8:40 PM.

Corts, Carynne

From: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation@googlegroups.com on behalf of David D
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:26 PM
To: lowerburnsparkneighborhoodassociation
Subject: LoBuPa Re: meet herman cain

Maybe Mike Tyson, who's doing Herman Cain impersonations.

On Nov 9, 7:24 pm, "phoffer" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> I got a message on my phone tonight..(and so did my sister) that Herman Cain is going to be at the Big Sky Diner at 1340 Ecorse Rd at 10 am tomorrow morning to give a speech.

>

> I wondered if it was a joke, actually...and that it was directed at Democrats????

>

> BUT I just called the Big Sky Diner and Paul, there, told me it was happening at 10am..."get there early; [he's] gotten lots of calls" and the media will be there.

>

> hmmmmmm....interesting. and weird to be on the list to be called.

>

> thought you might want to know...who knows who will want to show up. :-)

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Corts, Carynne

From: Elias, Abigail
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:09 PM
To: 'Dolen, Stephen'
Cc: McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Cooper, Eli
Subject: RE: Fuller Road Station talking points to UM 11102011.pptx

I've been out of the office at meetings, but have been working on language and hope to finish that later tonight or tomorrow, taking advantage of what's outlined in the piece Eli just sent to help shape it.

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From: Cooper, Eli
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 4:31 PM
To: 'Dolen, Stephen'
Cc: Elias, Abigail; McCormick, Sue; Taylor, Christopher (Council)
Subject: Fuller Road Station talking points to UM 11102011.pptx

Steve,

Attached please find the talking points we discussed. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Eli

Corts, Carynne

From: Anthony Pinnell [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:03 PM
To: Kunselman, Stephen
Subject: voting on the crosswalk repeal tonight?

Hi Steve,

I just read CC might be voting on repealing the city crosswalk ordinance. I'm not happy that a motion is being brought to change the wording. The only other wording of the ordinance that would work would be if the person is STANDING waiting to cross, instead of approaching it. This is the law in most European countries. The pedestrian has to be standing, obviously waiting to cross.

Today confirmed to me that the new law regarding crosswalks should NOT be repealed completely. Under the state's version, you can wait forever to cross. And we teach our children not to walk out into "on-coming traffic", which for them means if they see a car - which means they'll never make it. My 10-year-old daughter pedestrian and bicyclist is the measuring stick - not a huge SUV hurdling down the road over the speed limit.

The tinting on all modern windows prevents the pedestrian from seeing the driver's eyes, to make contact.

If cars are being rear-ended, then that is the fault of the drivers doing the rear-ending. This has always been the law, also the insurance requirement. No matter whether a deer, a squirrel, for whatever reason. And besides, all those complaining that they were rammed from behind: that would have happened even under the old law! If people are saying they refuse to stop because they're afraid of being rammed from behind should be considered lawbreakers.

This is an issue the city council would do better to show real robust strength on. No going back. The future belongs to all of us: pedestrians, bicycles and cars, all equal. The car is no longer lord of the road. If some crosswalks have to be remarked or better marked or relocated, then so be it. Overhead walkways are crap, and create huge problems (rocks dropped on cars), and they are expensive, monolithic and ugly.

I hope there's no revision of the current law. People have to get use to it, slow down, look up from their texting, and obey the law.

Thanks for reading this. I wrote to Christopher and Mayor Hieftje as well.

Tony

Corts, Carynne

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 8:01 PM
To: Nancy Kelley
Subject: RE: Voted Today - Do not repeal pedestrian right of way!

Nancy,

Thanks for kind words and support. As you know, voters weren't kind of me. Regrettably the pedestrian ordinance issue was a small contributing factor. I did take some hits because I refused to support a repeal. I grew up in Canada where, like your experience in California, pedestrians ruled. Drivers/people simply must learn new behaviors. I hope the Council going forward to hold fast that belief.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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From: Nancy Kelley [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 7:08 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Voted Today - Do not repeal pedestrian right of way!

Hi Steve,

I happily voted for you today. I hope that in doing so I can know you will support a pedestrian friendly city ordinance.

I have lived in Boston and Palo Alto CA and AA is by far the least pedestrian friendly city and I find that insane given the nature and culture of this city. It takes time for people to adjust to new ideas but this is one everyone in AA must get used to.

I heard there is a vote to revert back to our old ways... I hope that's not what you will support. Ann Arbor is moving forward and people are learning... it's a better way and any vote to repeal the pedestrian ordinance would be a vote for regression - not growth and forward thinking.

Best regards,
Nancy Kelley
████████████████████

Corts, Carynne

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:58 PM
To: maggie ladd
Subject: RE: Election

Maggie,

Thanks for kind words and support. I greatly appreciate you coming out to help me. Too bad it was all for naught. It's been wonderful to work with you. Please don't be a stranger – I'm always up for a good party.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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From: maggie ladd [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:35 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Election

Hi Steven,

I was sorry to hear about last night's result. It's disappointing, we really wanted to see you back at the Council table.

Thank you very much for all that you have done for the City during the time you served.

Maggie Ladd
South University Area Association
Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair
South U Downtown too!

Corts, Carynne

From: JWEAVERA2 [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:54 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: Re: From a 4th ward republican, please read this!

Steve you indeed need to be proud of your accomplishments. Thanks again for serving. You indeed may not be a great politician but you are a FABULOUS fellow citizen.

Jerry

In a message dated 11/10/2011 7:47:52 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, SRapundalo@a2gov.org writes:

Jerry,

Thank you for your very kind words and support. I greatly appreciate your confidence in me and my past efforts on behalf of the community. My only motivation during my Council tenure was to enhance Ann Arbor's livability and insure that a high quality of services was provided in an efficient manner. Moreover, as you noted I worked hard to reform luxurious labor contracts and bring them into current times cognizant of the difficult fiscal challenges that face us going forward. I'm proud of my accomplishments. I don't know if I'll stay in active politics or not. I never claimed to be a politician, and quite frankly didn't think I was a very good one. But that's because my job was to simply focus on issues and work with others to find solutions. I'm sure that I'll continue to make contributions to the community in some manner and as called upon for my expertise and skillsets.

Sincerely,

Stephen

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<mailto:srapundalo@a2gov.org>

From: JWEAVERA2 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 7:18 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: From a 4th ward republican, please read this!

Steve, I am a conservative and probably would have voted for Jane had I lived in the second ward. This being said, I am disappointed that you are no longer on city council. I feel that you have done a commendable job and have served the citizens of Ann Arbor well during your political career, albeit as a council member or as a Republican challenger to incumbents in prior elections. Thank you for not supporting the frivolous and non-productive efforts of the current council to make statements on national issues. Thank you also for taking a stand against employee unions, however unpopular they may have been. You have done a DAMNED good job, I would appreciate it if you could stay involved in Ann Arbor politics.

Thanks again,

Jerry Weaver
[REDACTED]

Store Manager Firestone Huron & Division

Corts, Carynne

From: Anthony Pinnell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:54 PM
To: Christopher Taylor
Cc: Hieftje, John
Subject: Sally and I strongly against repealing the crosswalk law

Hi Christopher and John,

Today confirmed to me that the new law regarding crosswalks should NOT be repealed. Under the state's version, you can wait forever to cross. And we teach our children not to walk out into "on-coming traffic", which for them means if they see a car - which means they'll never make it.

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I hope there's no revision of the current law. People have to get use to it, slow down, look up from their texting, and obey the law. Particularly after this election, the thing to do is show strength and not back down to the complainers.

Thanks!
Tony

P.S.: The only other wording that would work would be if the person is STANDING waiting to cross, instead of approaching it. This is the law in most European countries. The pedestrian has to be standing, obviously waiting to cross.

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Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:53 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: Planning Commission Meeting of November 15, 2011 - Cancelled



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Corts, Carynne

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:49 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Subject: RE: Medical Marijuana Board


I'll see if the Chamber is available. I heard that you had a number of attendees.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:48 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: Medical Marijuana Board

Yes, thank you.

The third floor conference room was too small for the many guests yesterday. Two civics/government classes.

Don't know what the future holds.

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
995-3518 (home)
734-277-6578 (cell)*

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:47 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Larcom, Kristen
Subject: Medical Marijuana Board

Sabra:

Do you want me to take care of scheduling the meeting for you on November 30?


Jackie

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:49 PM
To: statestr@a2state.com
Subject: RE: friends

Tom,

Thanks buddy! I appreciate all the support you and your merchants provided me. Sorry I let them down. Keep me in mind and don't be a stranger – I'm always up for a party.

Sincerely,

Stephen

Stephen Rapundalo
City Council - Ward 2
City of Ann Arbor
3106 Bluett
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
(734) 476-0648
<mailto:srapundalo@a2gov.org>

From: statestr@a2state.com [<mailto:statestr@a2state.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 9:31 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: friends

Politics never seem to create good friends, you either become no friends or lifelong buddies. I hope all of us are in the latter. You served well and with a courage and conviction few have. I hope we will be working together soon.

Tom

Corts, Carynne

From: Briere, Sabra
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:48 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: .Medical Marijuana Board

Yes, thank you.

The third floor conference room was too small for the many guests yesterday. Two civics/government classes.

Don't know what the future holds.

*Sabra Briere
First Ward Council member
995-3518 (home)
734-277-6578 (cell)*

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:47 PM
To: Briere, Sabra
Cc: Larcom, Kristen
Subject: Medical Marijuana Board

Sabra:

Do you want me to take care of scheduling the meeting for you on November 30?

Jackie

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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Corts, Carynne

From: Rapundalo, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:48 PM
To: JWEAVERA2 [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: From a 4th ward republican, please read this!

Jerry,

Thank you for your very kind words and support. I greatly appreciate your confidence in me and my past efforts on behalf of the community. My only motivation during my Council tenure was to enhance Ann Arbor's livability and insure that a high quality of services was provided in an efficient manner. Moreover, as you noted I worked hard to reform luxurious labor contracts and bring them into current times cognizant of the difficult fiscal challenges that face us going forward. I'm proud of my accomplishments. I don't know if I'll stay in active politics or not. I never claimed to be a politician, and quite frankly didn't think I was a very good one. But that's because my job was to simply focus on issues and work with others to find solutions. I'm sure that I'll continue to make contributions to the community in some manner and as called upon for my expertise and skillsets.

Sincerely,

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From: JWEAVERA2 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 7:18 PM
To: Rapundalo, Stephen
Subject: From a 4th ward republican, please read this!

Steve, I am a conservative and probably would have voted for Jane had I lived in the second ward. This being said, I am disappointed that you are no longer on city council. I feel that you have done a commendable job and have served the citizens of Ann Arbor well during your political career, albeit as a council member or as a Republican challenger to incumbents in prior elections. Thank you for not supporting the frivolous and non-productive efforts of the current council to make statements on national issues. Thank you also for taking a stand against employee unions, however unpopular they may have been. You have done a DAMNED good job, I would appreciate it if you could stay involved in Ann Arbor politics.

Thanks again,

Jerry Weaver

[REDACTED]
Store Manager Firestone Huron & Division

Corts, Carynne

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Your message

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From: Rampson, Wendy
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:46 PM
To: Bonnie Bona; Diane Giannola; Eleanore Adenekan ([REDACTED]); Eric Mahler; Erica Briggs; Evan Pratt ([REDACTED]); Kirk Westphal; Derezinski, Tony; Wendy Woods
Cc: Gale, Mia
Subject: November 15 CPC Meeting Cancelled

Commissioners:

Hard to believe, but we have no items for next week's meeting, so it has been cancelled. And an extra bonus – no committee meeting in its place! As a result of the slow November, it looks like we will have 3-4 petitions for both regular meetings in December. So enjoy your well-earned breather while you can!

Wendy Rampson, AICP
Planning Manager
City of Ann Arbor Community Services
(734) 794-6000 ext 42606 (voice)
www.a2gov.org/planning

Corts, Carynne

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
To: Smith, Colin
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:40 PM
Subject: Read: 2nd REVISION PAC packet

Your message

To: PAC_Distribution
Cc: Bowen, Lynn; Straw, Jeffrey; Warba, Matt
Subject: FW: 2nd REVISION PAC packet
Sent: 11/10/2011 1:48 PM

was read on 11/10/2011 7:40 PM.

Corts, Carynne

From: Taylor, Christopher (Council)
To: Higgins, Sara
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:40 PM
Subject: Read: Work Session 11/14 - Public Art Commission materials

Your message

To: *City Council Members (All)
Cc: Powers, Steve; McCormick, Sue; Harrison, Venita; Seagraves, Aaron; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: Work Session 11/14 - Public Art Commission materials
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Corts, Carynne

From: The Family Learning Institute [The_Family_Learning_Institute@mail.vresp.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:40 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: FLI Newsletter - Inaugural Issue

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FLI's Inaugural E-Newsletter!

Vol. 1, No. 1

November 5, 2011

Dear John,

Welcome to The Family Learning Institute's inaugural e-newsletter! If you're receiving this, you've either been a supporter of FLI -- through donating, volunteering, or participating in one of our events -- or you're someone from the community who we believe would care about our mission. Please read at right about our plans for electronic communications, but know a few things:

- We never share our email or mail lists with any outside organization for any reason
- You may remove yourself from receiving FLI emails with a simple click of the 'unsubscribe' button at the bottom of this page
- We will limit email communications to no

more than one per month (a quarterly newsletter plus occasional reminders of events and such)

Thank you for your support and/or interest! We hope you will enjoy FLI's new "lean and green" approach to staying connected to community supporters like yourselves!

Dan Rubenstein
Development Director

P.S. Look for our Annual Campaign Letter in your mailbox in November! We appreciate your support in helping disadvantaged Washtenaw County children gain reading and math skills and the confidence to succeed in school and life.

FLI Embracing Electronic Media and Going Green!

The Family Learning Institute has taken the plunge into electronic communications! We would like to reduce paper, printing, and postage costs, and keep in better touch with our community of supporters, by communicating more by email. This will allow us to use our resources to help close the achievement gap in Washtenaw County instead of on mailings to supporters. Below, read about how FLI will use electronic media, send us feedback (to email address at bottom of page), or, if email is not your thing, remove yourself from our email list (click 'unsubscribe' at bottom of page). We hope you'll enjoy this new, efficient way to stay linked to FLI!



Annual Campaign Letter and 2010 Annual Report

Our first experiment with going green will be our 2010 Annual Report. Rather than print hundreds of copies and mail them to our supporters, we're going to post it on our website prior to sending out our 2011 Annual Campaign letter in November (watch your mailbox!). The letter will invite people to visit our website, read the annual report, and learn more about what FLI has been up to. You can always request printed copies of our annual reports if you'd like them, but we can reduce printing and postage considerably by having more people use them online. (E-news recipients like you can get a sneak peek right now at www.familylearninginstitute.org! Select "About" and click "Annual Reports" towards the bottom of the page.)



E-Newsletters

It's been a while since FLI published a newsletter. As many of you know, we reduced staff and overhead to survive the 2008-2009 recession, and newsletters were not our highest priority. If you stay linked to us electronically, though, we will be able to keep you informed -- at minimal cost to us -- about our students' and tutors' successes, new programs, collaborations, volunteer and job opportunities, events, sponsors, awards, and research on and new approaches to fighting the achievement gap. We are planning a quarterly email newsletter.



We Treat Your Email Address with Respect

As noted at left, we never share our email or mail lists with any outside organizations, for any reason, and we intend to limit our email communications to no more than one per month. We should be enhancing your connection to FLI and its families, not stressing you out by flooding your inbox or constantly asking for money.

Stay Connected with Other Social Media

Though FLI may not take to the "Twitter Revolution," we do have a facebook page, on which we post more frequent updates about educational news, events, volunteer openings, and other things. **Join us on facebook [here](#).**

SAVE THE DATE for the 2012 Bee on Board for Literacy!

2012 will mark our 6th annual spelling bee fundraiser, *Bee on Board for Literacy!* To accommodate more people's schedules, we're moving it up from June to May -- **May 4, 2012** to be exact! We look forward to seeing

you there!!

Mission: FLI is a volunteer based nonprofit agency dedicated to closing the achievement gap in Washtenaw County. Through collaboration with local schools and community partners, and the implementation of innovative programs that develop literacy and prevent summer learning loss, FLI engages economically disadvantaged children, their parents and community in supporting a commitment to success in school and beyond. FLI believes our students, regardless of life circumstances, deserve a chance to forge the skills they need to build the lives they dream.

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From: Briere, Sabra
To: Elias, Abigail
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:33 PM
Subject: Read: RE: West Park Update & Advice Memo

Your message

To: Elias, Abigail; *City Council Members (All); Powers, Steve
Cc: Postema, Stephen; Hutchinson, Nicholas; McCormick, Sue; Bahl, Sumedh; Pirooz, Homayoon
Subject: RE: West Park Update & Advice Memo
Sent: 11/10/2011 6:56 PM

was read on 11/10/2011 7:33 PM.

Corts, Carynne

From: 非常北京 [tuan@feichang.cn] on behalf of tuan@feichang.cn
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:32 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: 这是一场有怪泥马蜀黍和小萝莉的萌剧,“良宵方喜伊人共,醉语那知旧梦惊”.喜欢话剧的朋友们还在等什么,仅65元,享原价160元戏逍堂主推话剧《良宵》

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Sender: "非常北京" <smtp:tuan@feichang.cn>
Message-ID: <20111111003159.1F6B89EA07E@Mail.a2gov.org>
Recipients:
"Hieftje, John" <smtp:JHieftje@a2gov.org>

Corts, Carynne

From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:19 PM
To: Bowden (King), Anissa
Cc: Powers, Steve; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Sara
Subject: RE: November 21 packet

Let's add it to the formal meeting. I'll have her sign the card at the Work Session, but we can do the formal swearing-in at the Regular Session. Copying Steve and John in case they feel differently, but I think this is what we have done in the past.

Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk

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From: Bowden (King), Anissa
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Subject: RE: November 21 packet

Do you want the oath of office to be added to this meeting or to the work session?

Anissa

Thankfulness finds something good in every circumstance.



From: Beaudry, Jacqueline
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Bowden (King), Anissa
Subject: November 21 packet

Anissa:

We forgot the Organization of New Council on the agenda for November 21. Can you look at how we organized this last year and update the draft agenda when you have a chance?

Thanks!

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Subject: Read: November 10 Packet Update

Your message

To: Anglin, Mike; Beaudry, Jacqueline; Bowden (King), Anissa; Briere, Sabra; Crawford, Tom; Derezinski, Tony; Hieftje, John; Higgins, Marcia; Higgins, Sara; Hohnke, Carsten; Kunselman, Stephen; Postema, Stephen; Powers, Steve; Rapundalo, Stephen; Satterlee, Joanna; Schopieray, Christine; Smith, Sandi; Taylor, Christopher (Council); Teall, Margie; Walker, Nancy; Wondrash, Lisa
Subject: November 10 Packet Update
Sent: 11/10/2011 6:16 PM

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Corts, Carynne

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Subject: Read: Update to November 10 Packet

Your message

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Council:

DB-1 has been revised with a new revised development agreement. The link has been updated and a new packet can be downloaded.

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From: JoAnne Bock [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:13 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: Help US Acts

Dear Mayor,

My name is JoAnne Bock. I am the president of the nonprofit organization US Acts. Please visit www.usacts.org for more information.

I would like to meet with you to introduce our organization and to get support for US Acts in Ann Arbor. We need to have an office in Ann Arbor, and we need to get every registered voter in Ann Arbor to join US Acts! US Acts mission is to create issue based debates with voting on those issues to follow. This is to create a more accurate assessment of constituency for our representatives, our media and our people. We are placing our national headquarters here in Michigan and we need support and press coverage to get enough people signed up as is possible. We promote registration of voters in our state as well as seeking those registered voters to vote on issues with US Acts. We are seeking national TV programming, AP column nationally, and national radio coverage. We would definately want to get the local TV station (is there one for the city of Ann Arbor?).

Please schedule me for an appointment . I would love to present to the City Council also. It takes about 20 minutes to present and another 5-10 minutes to answer questions. It works best if everyone has already visited the website: www.usacts.org Please schedule me for the city council!

This is a huge project and we need highly skilled and capable individuals to run this. I need you to help me find these people, and to get Ann Arbor signed up and ready to vote!

Thank you,

JoAnne Bock

www.usacts.org

620-203-8538

[redacted]
[redacted]
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Corts, Carynne

From: Smith, Sandi
To: Higgins, Sara
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:09 PM
Subject: Read: Work Session 11/14 - Public Art Commission materials

Your message

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Corts, Carynne

From: Spirit Airlines [promotions@email.spiritairlines.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2011 7:07 PM
To: Hieftje, John
Subject: We Remembered the Third!

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There's No Debate!

Here's Our Plan:

Get Rid of High Fares at Thanksgiving

Get Rid of High Fares at Christmas

We remembered the third!

Introducing Fares From \$9* Each Way, Based on Roundtrip Purchase

Liberate Chicago and Orlando from High Fares!

Put on your boots and step into low fares!

We Remembered...

Front Runner Fares from \$9* each way, based on roundtrip purchase!

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Introducing fares from \$9* each way, based on roundtrip purchase! Hurry to put on your boots and step into low fares!

Book and Save!

Individual travel-date specific fares must be booked on spirit.com by 11:59 PM ET on November 11, 2011 for travel on the dates as specified by individual market and by market direction. All fares are based on roundtrip purchase. **Additional terms, conditions, taxes and fees** apply. **Baggage charges** may apply.

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