

Council E-mails

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January 22, 2008

Easthope says if others don't add an agenda item "you're all big fat meames".



## CITY OF ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

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December 14, 2009

Martha Luczak

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated November 18, 2009  
09-272 Luczak

Dear Ms. Luczak:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated November 18, 2009, received November 19, 2009, and extended to December 14, 2009. Your request for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on January 22, 2008" is granted in part and denied in part. Your request is denied to the extent that the following redactions have occurred:

1. Information of a personal nature if public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. MCL 15.243(1)(a)

The first electronic communication being provided contains an attachment, which is the actual packet for the January 22, 2008 Council meeting. We have not provided the packet, as it contains a significantly large number of pages, which will be costly to reproduce. If you would like a copy, please contact us and we will make the necessary copies. Alternatively, you can view the entire Council packet online by visiting the City's website at [www.a2gov.org](http://www.a2gov.org) and clicking on the City Clerk's page. Additionally, in the instance where a chain of emails occurred, the most complete chain was provided.

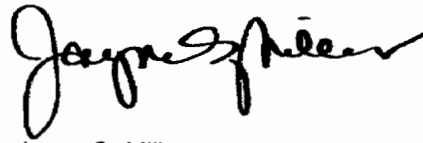
The City does not warrant or guarantee the accuracy of the information provided. Rather, it provides the documents only to comply in good faith with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, and not for any other purpose.

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City's disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys' fees and damages as specified under the Act.

The Michigan Freedom of Information Act specifically provides that a public body may charge a fee for searching for and copying a public record. The cost for copying the records is \$1.30 payable to the City of Ann Arbor. Upon receipt of this amount, the documents will be released to you. Your documents may be picked up in the Community Services Office (Sixth Floor, City Hall), Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jayne S. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jayne" being the most prominent.

Jayne S. Miller  
Community Services Administrator

09-272  
LUCZAK

**King, Carol**

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**From:** luczakfamily@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2009 10:47 AM  
**To:** King, Carol  
**Subject:** FOIA Request~ Jan 22, 2008

Dear Ms. King:

I am requesting all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the the council meeting which began on **January 22, 2008** but may have continued past midnight into the next calendar day.

Please exclude from this request any electronic communication initiated by a staff member of the city attorney's office and any documents attached to the electronic communication.

If you determine that the contents of an electronic communication, in whole or in part, is subject to a disclosure exemption under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, please provide the electronic communication, including the header information, with the exempt portions redacted.

If you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption as the basis for withholding any record responsive to this request, please include in your full or partial denial letter a description of the item and the statutory provision that exempts it from disclosure. If you determine that an item is exempt from disclosure under M.C.L. sec 15.243(1)(m) (communications and notes within a public body), please include an explanation of why the public interest in encouraging frank communication between officials and employees of public bodies clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Upon identifying the records that should be disclosed under this request, please notify me of the estimated cost of providing copies to me. I will accept the material in electronic machine readable format to reduce costs. If the costs will exceed \$25, I would like to exercise my section M.C.L. Sec. 15.233(3) right to inspect the public records prior to incurring any cost for duplication. Please contact me at [luczakfamily@comcast.net](mailto:luczakfamily@comcast.net) to discuss the estimated charges and to schedule a time when I can review the documents.

Sincerely,

*Martha Luczak*

Martha Luczak



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November 25, 2009

Martha Luczak

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated November 18, 2009  
09-272 Luczak

Dear Ms. Luczak:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act request, dated November 18, 2009 and received November 19, 2009, for "all electronic communications, including but not limited to emails, sent to and from City Council members during the council meeting which began on January 22, 2008." The City of Ann Arbor, by this letter, is giving notice, as required under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, to extend for not more than ten business days the period during which it will respond to the above-stated request. You may expect a response by December 14, 2009.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Carol King, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6000 ext. 42198.

Sincerely,

Jayne S. Miller  
Community Services Administrator

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Anglin, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:52 PM  
**To:** 'mikeanglin'; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Packet 01-22-08.pdf  
**Attachments:** Packet 01-22-08.pdf

With hope

King, Carol

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**From:** ARTHUR W HENKE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:20 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John  
**Cc:** awhenke [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: Student housing on s. Maple

Strike two! Sorry again

----- Forwarded Message -----  
**From:** ARTHUR W HENKE [REDACTED]  
**To:** jhieftje@a2gov.org  
**Cc:** awhenke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:00:07 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Student housing on s. Maple

Sorry, misspelled your E-mail on original.

----- Forwarded Message -----  
**From:** ARTHUR W HENKE [REDACTED]  
**To:** jhieftje@a2gov.org; sbriere@a2gov.org; rsuarez@a2gov.org; srpundalo@a2gov.org;  
jlowenstein@a2gov.org; skunselman@a2gov.org; lgreden@a2gov.org; mhiggins@a2gov.org;  
mteall@a2gov.org; ceasthope@a2gov.org; manglin@a2gov.org  
**Cc:** jackeaton [REDACTED] awhenke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 6:53:36 PM  
**Subject:** Student housing on s. Maple

Dear Councilpersons:

Sorry, we realize this is very late, but hopefully some of you may be able to read this before council meets tonight. We can't be there to speak in person because of medical reasons, and intended to send this earlier in the day, but were detained by some medical appointments.

We are writing again to urge you to vote "No" on allowing these apartments to be built. After seeing the article recently in the Ann Arbor News about all of the apartments that are being planned, and seeing the accompanying map, it is even more apparent that these on S. Maple should not get approval. All of the others are in close proximity to campus, so we can not see how students will ever want to live way over here, and so they are in grave danger of not ever being occupied, and could become a thorn in Ann Arbor's side, and in that of our neighborhood. They are totally out of place in this area, and will be an eyesore. We can't understand the Planning Commission abdicating it's responsibility of following the city's master plan, especially in light of their sticking to it so stubbornly with regard to other requests, such as the recent case of the developer that was proposing to tear down some old houses on 4th Street, to build a multistory building in their place. Why are they approving these on S. Maple, but not those downtown? Something smells here!

We will greatly appreciate your consideration of our request, and will watch with much interest for the outcome.

Sincerely, Art and Elaine Henke  
[REDACTED]

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Briere, Sabra  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:09 PM  
**To:** Teall, Margie  
**Subject:** 42 north  
**Attachments:** 42 north.doc

I've asked Stephen and Kevin to comment on the attached.

Sabra



*Although the developer has made attempts to mitigate the damage this development will make to the watershed, I'm deeply concerned about the affect this complex and its hardscape will have on the Allens and Mallets creek drainage. The Allens Creek drainage has been negatively impacted by development, and although this developer has added a pumping station to bring sufficient water pressure to his proposed tenants, those downstream are justifiably concerned about the affect this development will have on their homes.*

*Their concerns have not been adequately addressed. The water table is very close to the surface here; and the decision not to detain stormwater on the property means that runoff will occur within 24 hours. The clay soil on this site does not absorb water; this runoff will flow into the watersheds very quickly – more quickly than it does now.*

*The developer is seeking permission to build a denser project – fewer, taller units with more residents. In order to do this, the project is designed to set further back from the property line (parking will be on the perimeter). There will be a slight increase (2%) in open space which does not offset the large increase (nearly 60%) in height. There will also be an enormous increase in cars per unit.*

*This project, due to the building placement, may not directly impact other buildings in the area. However, the building height, the amount of impervious surface and the resultant runoff, the number of cars and the impact of the traffic on this area over time all create a situation leading to both a public and private nuisance.*

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Briere, Sabra  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:23 PM  
**To:** Fraser, Roger; Hieftje, John  
**Subject:** 3/4 rule

Dear John,

I don't want to be pushy, so I'm just writing this in an email. It takes  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the quorum to amend the agenda. Only 6 of 10 (60%) voted in favor of the agenda change.

Sabra

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Catherine McClary [Mcclaryc@ewashtenaw.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:49 PM  
**To:** Briere, Sabra  
**Subject:** RE: housing & foreclosure issues

sabra - sorry - i didn't reply earlier as i haven't been reading e-mail frequently. i would be glad to meet and talk more about the issue and provide some "stats" as well. i could meet tuesday, at 4, at city hall, if that is where your 4:30 meeting is. i can also meet outside of work hours and can come to ypsi during lunch hour (i would enjoy that if you get a regular lunch time) - what works best for you? many thanks. catherine

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**From:** Briere, Sabra [mailto:SBriere@a2gov.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2008 1:24 PM  
**To:** Catherine McClary  
**Subject:** housing & foreclosure issues

Dear Catherine,

I was surprised to see you yesterday as I was leaving work, but delighted to get a chance to talk. I did want to catch up with you, as I've been getting some email about foreclosure rates in Washtenaw County, and there's the inevitable concern about tax rates and next steps.

Would you be up for a meeting \*not during working hours\*? It's not easy for me to get away from work, although I can. If that's not possible, could we schedule a meeting on this coming Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, or on Tuesday, Feb. 12th, in the afternoon? I have a meeting in Ann Arbor at 4:00 on the 22nd, and one at 4:30 on the 12th, so I could arrange to be in Ann Arbor for more of the day, if that is easier for you.

Please let me know what would work. I am still working on getting a full picture of the current situation, and I don't think I can do that just reading the paper.

Thanks,

*Sabra Briere*  
*First Ward Councilmember*  
(734)995-3518  
(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)

**King, Carol**

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**From:** Easthope, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:42 PM  
**To:** \*City Council Members (All)  
**Subject:** Liquor license issue

I will not be here at our next meeting. If you would not mind adding this to the agenda for the mid-february meeting I would appreciate it. If not you're all big fat meanies

## King, Carol

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**From:** Easthope, Christopher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 7:26 PM  
**To:** Briere, Sabra  
**Subject:** RE: 42 North

Ahh...now I see. I don't have a great answer for you as there is no good road map. I am looking at the scope of the project and whether it fits in the overall plan for this neighborhood. If this was a 3 story development with a different density it may fit better. Sorry for the delay, I'll do better next time.

Chris

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**From:** Briere, Sabra  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2008 5:14 PM  
**To:** Easthope, Christopher  
**Subject:** 42 North

Dear Chris,

This will be my first Planned Project to study closely. I'm seeking your advice. I've read all the neighborhood concerns, and while they are interesting, I don't really know how large a role they should play. I understand that Planned Projects aren't like PUDs (which I understand better). The only other Planned Project I've watched was at the Elks' -- and I didn't really understand how the rules applied there.

Reading the staff recommendation isn't helping me much, nor is reading the Planning Commission hearing. I've tried to compare those against the Elks' materials, and I still don't understand why Council rejected the development proposed for the Elks' land.-

What should I be looking at? As this is in your ward, I thought I'd ask you. I know most of the vocal objections come from the 4th, but the actual location is in the 5th.

Thank you for your help,

*Sabra Briere*  
*First Ward Councilmember*  
*(734)995-3518*  
*(734)484-3600 x 237 (work)*

## King, Carol

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**From:** Gayle Miller [gayle.miller@sierraclub.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:42 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John  
**Subject:** Sierra Citizen Watchdog - Energy Bill Update!

Hi John,

Sorry to have waited so long to give you an update on the energy bills! Here's a quick go at it:

More than 50 Sierra Citizen lobbyists came to the Capitol three weeks in a row before the holidays and we HAMMERED our message home on clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency. With your help, we visited every single House and Senate office with great information and a strong message - that Michigan wants clean, renewable energy - not boondoggle coal plants. However, while we were expecting the bills to go through committee before Christmas, they didn't move.

Pretty much everyone crashed and burned over the holidays. The Reps crashed after such an intense few months of negotiation and work on the bills. Sierra Club staff crashed due to the same - and an office overhaul that brought us to a grinding halt over the holidays (but the office looks Oh So MUCH Better now after an Ikea "makeover" - come see for yourself!!). And all the other enviro groups crashed as well. Obviously everyone needed some rest! I hope you all got some good rest and had a joyful holiday, too!

Our aggressive lobbying has helped whittled away some of the objectionable aspects of the renewable bill. They know we're watching! While we've been demanding a 20% renewable standard, the committee chair, Rep. Frank Accavitti (D-Eastpointe) is only willing to entertain the 10% by 2015. Despite this serious flaw, here are some of the things that we managed to get rid of in the RPS bill:

- \* Unlimited trash incineration was included in the renewable bill. Incineration is now limited to the 3 existing incinerators with no volume increase beyond existing capacity. We hate this provision, but can't get rid of it - Accavitti is concerned he'll lose the Detroit caucus, which depends on the trash incinerator. (It's not like they've got a great recycling program in Detroit or anything - so let's just burn it all up!!! Oh - sorry for the sarcasm!)

- \* Eliminated a bunch of "extra credits" for renewable energy production that eroded the overall 10% standard and made it even weaker - a half credit for this, a half credit for that - none of which was actually renewable energy, just incentives.

- \* Double and triple counting of some energy sources.

- \* Limiting industrial co-generation as a "renewable" (It's not - it's waste heat from industrial processes being put to use generating energy). It's now limited as well. The pressure all of YOU have put on the committee members has made a big difference. But, the race is far from over. Here are the new developments:

- \* Today (Wednesday), the House Energy Committee will vote (2:30pm) on the renewable energy and energy efficiency bills. They are not what we want, but they're not terrible. (I guess you'd call them mediocre.) Your efforts helped keep them from being terrible!

We'll still make a dent with 10% and a strong efficiency bill. There is one critical component we have yet to see in the renewable bill. I got a call from Chairman Mayes at 10pm tonight and we're meeting with him in the morning to see what they've come up with. The

missing piece is the "offramp" or "cost cap" - which is basically a mechanism to let the utilities "off the hook" for doing renewable if it's too expensive. (Isn't it funny how WE don't get off the hook if they do something dumb - like build coal plants...)

\* We're still waiting to see what is in the rest of the energy package before signing off on these two bills. We've put a ton of effort into efficiency and renewables, but they're just a part of a much larger package. None of the bills will get a vote on the House floor until they're all through committee - so we can expect the renewable and efficiency bills to "sit awhile" until the rest of the package is done (including re-regulation of the electric utilities, deskewing, and other wonky topics).

\* Tuesday we (Sierra Club, Clean Water Action & Progress Michigan) announced a package of Ratepayer Protection Bills at a Capitol press conference - sponsored by Reps. Fred Miller (D-Mt. Clemens) and Marie Donigan (D-Royal Oak). Also attending the press conference were Reps. Kathleen Law (D-Gibraltar), Gabe Leland (D-Detroit) and Robert Jones (D-Kalamazoo).

This package has two bills - one to force utility shareholders (not ratepayers) to pay for any future carbon costs (sequestration, taxes, cap and trade - whatever the feds put in place to regulate/minimize greenhouse gasses). If Michigan gets new coal plants (which it doesn't need) we, the people who pay the bills, should not get screwed by having to pay very foreseeable costs that were not factored into the proposal in the first place. More detail to come on this package of bills after they are drafted and we have bill numbers. Then we'll do some outreach to legislators urging them to sign on.

The other component of the package is an Integrated Resource Planning process - which would require ALL energy sources to be compared on a level playing field - with ALL costs accounted for. We are certain that if energy efficiency and renewables are compared fairly to polluting coal, clean energy will win!

\* Finally, today the Senate Republicans announced a package of bills that are geared toward greasing the skids for more expensive, un-needed coal plants. They want to "streamline" the permitting process - which is code for "cut the public out and give big pork to the utilities." We'll be analyzing these bills and biting back hard, and we'll need your help. We could probably call this package of bills the "Ratepayer Gets Screwed" package! Their goal is to build coal plants, and stick US with the cost - which will spiral out of control, as has been demonstrated by coal plants all over the country. Utility shareholders get rich, supportive legislators get campaign contributions and we get screwed! Don't you just love how this all works out??!! (oops - sarcasm again, sorry!)

Thank you ALL for your visits to the capitol, your emails and letters to your legislators, your letters to the editor, and keeping an eagle eye on the newspapers and TV news! We can't do this without you and you make a BIG difference!!!

I'll let you know the results of Wednesday's committee vote. Thanks again!!! You guys are all so awesome!  
Gayle

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**King, Carol**

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**From:** Harvey White [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:22 PM  
**To:** Larry White; cwhitesnow [REDACTED] Margie Teall; Teall, Margie  
**Subject:** RE: Pinecrest

Sent 1/23. - H

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Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 15:59:12 -0800  
From: lwhite [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Pinecrest  
To: cwhitesnow [REDACTED]; whiteharvey [REDACTED] margieteall [REDACTED] MTeall@ci.ann-arbor.mi.us

Sounds like things are looking up...good luck with everything at work and home!

Larry

**Carolyn White** [REDACTED] wrote:

Please send the checks to me and I can deposit them in the account; make them out to Pinecrest Cottage. Yes, we should get our hands around reserve funds for ?? and our corporate structure.

I say that, but then I am totally overwhelmed with my current situation. Here's some relief, though: the temporary orders were filed today, so \$ will start flowing for support; Z has finally taken initiative to spend time with kids; the yearbook (don't ask) deadline is coming up soon; my presentation in FL (disney world!!) is coming up soon; and I may get relief at work, since they have realized that I am doing two jobs....

Ah spring never looked so good.

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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

From: Larry White

Date: Wed, 16 Jan 2008 15:16:06  
To: cwhitesnow [REDACTED] "Whiteharvey" [REDACTED], Margie Teall, Margie Teall  
Subject: Re: Pinecrest

Carolyn, I forget how we did this before. Do we send you the check or to the bank? Who should the check be made out to? Let me know if I can help with anything regarding budget.

Everyone, I am concerned that we spent the money Mom gave us and didn't put any aside for "reserve". Maybe we should consider putting in an extra \$200 each at some point this year. How does this sound?

Larry

Carolyn White wrote: Well I am currently incredibly swamped, so until I get a breather I will be remiss in pulling together all of the financials.

I think we should send money to the Pinecrest account so I can pay the taxes. Please send \$600 or if you'd like you can send \$300 now and \$300 in June.

I will reconcile with projected expenses and see if there will be a need to adjust based on minimal outlay (assuming no maintenance or major activities).



Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thanks.

Carolyn  
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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King, Carol

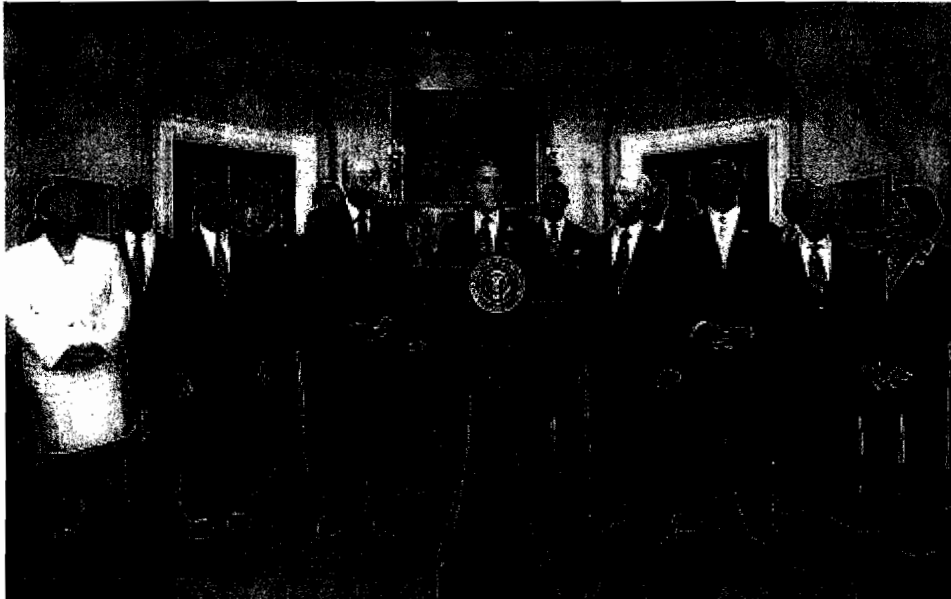
**From:** HOPE Communications [ohi\_communications@email.operationhope.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:35 PM  
**To:** Hieftje, John  
**Subject:** PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH NAMES JOHN HOPE BRYANT VICE-CHAIRMAN OF NEWLY CREATED PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL LITERACY



**PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH NAMES JOHN HOPE BRYANT  
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF NEWLY CREATED PRESIDENT'S  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FINANCIAL LITERACY**

*Historic appointment of HOPE founder comes as White House affirms the importance of financial literacy education to America's global economic competitiveness; Charles Schwab named Chairman*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**LOS ANGELES - January 22, 2008 -** Standing alongside U.S. President George W. Bush, Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson and U.S. Treasurer Anna Cabral, Operation HOPE Founder, Chairman and CEO John Hope Bryant today was named Vice-Chairman of the newly created President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy.

"We have confidence in the long-term strength of America. And so should the American people. This is a flexible, this is a resilient, this is a dynamic economy, and the entrepreneurial spirit is high. We want people to own assets; we want people to be able to manage their assets. We want people to understand basic financial concepts, and how credit cards work and how credit scores affect you, how you can

benefit from a savings account or a bank account. That's what we want. And this group of citizens has taken the lead, and I appreciate it," stated President Bush. The President announced that philanthropist Charles R. Schwab, chairman and CEO of the Charles Schwab Corporation, will serve as the Council's Chairman and Mr. Bryant as vice chairman, and that he was thankful for their leadership.

Operating under the guidance of the U.S. Treasury Department with the specific charge of keeping America competitive and assisting citizens in understanding and addressing financial matters, the 19-member council will focus exclusively on economic empowerment issues. A literal who's who of respected business, non-profit and faith-based industry leaders, the bi-partisan panel includes distinguished individuals such as Don J. McGrath, Chairman of Bank of the West and executive committee member on Operation HOPE's (HOPE) National Board of Directors.

President Bush also named to the Advisory Council Theodore Beck, of Colorado; Theodore R. Daniels, of Maryland; Cutler Dawson, of Virginia; Robert F. Duvall, of New York; Tahira Hira, of Iowa; Jack E. Kosakowski, of Colorado; Sharon L. Lechter, of Arizona; Robert V. Lee III, of Florida; Laura Levine, of the District of Columbia; David Mancl, of Wisconsin; Janet Parker, of

Alabama; Ignacio Salazar, of Michigan; and Mary L. Schapiro, of the District of Columbia.

Each of the respective advisees will serve a 2-year term as a representative of his or her industry, trade group, public interest group, or other organization, and will represent the views of diverse stakeholders around the country. Their duties will include advising the president and Treasury Secretary on such goals as improving financial education efforts for students and adults in the workplace, and establishing effective measures of national financial literacy, and promoting effective access to financial services, especially for those without access to such services.

"I personally would like to commend President Bush for providing the necessary leadership to make financial literacy a priority in 21st century American life," said Bryant. "It is my hope that this historic Advisory Council will seek to provide dignity for millions of low-wealth Americans, ethnic minorities, and anyone in this country who feels shut out and left behind by capitalism and the free enterprise system. This is extremely personal to me, and lies at the very core of why I founded Operation HOPE."

Created in response to the 1992 civil unrest that occurred in Los Angeles after the Rodney King verdicts, HOPE has gone on to become the leading nonprofit social investment banking and financial literacy empowerment organization in the nation. Having educated more than 271,000 youth throughout the U.S. and South Africa, HOPE has also created more than 1,000 new homeowners and small business owners, and has generated more than \$400 million in commitments for homeownership and small business loans from their 400 bank and corporate partners. HOPE's Banking on Our Future Program has educated more than 270,000 low-wealth youth, mostly black and Latino, in financial literacy, dignity and in South Africa, entrepreneurship. HOPE's emergency economic response division, HOPE Coalition America (HCA), has helped more than 100,000 survivors of Hurricane Katrina, worked with former President Clinton and his foundation, along with H&R Block to return more than \$7 million in EITC refunds and a total of \$12 million in tax refunds to Katrina survivors.

Last Friday, January 18, 2008, HCA announced its Mortgage HOPE Crisis Hotline in partnership with Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti to assist those impacted by the sub-prime mortgage crisis. Since Friday morning HOPE has logged more than 6,800 calls from those in need in Los Angeles alone.

A recognized expert in the financial literacy field, TIME Magazine selected Bryant as part of their cover story in 1994 as "One of America's 50 Most Promising Leaders of the Future". Since then, the Compton, California native has received more than 400 awards and citations for his work to educate, inspire and empower low-wealth communities, including the "Use Your Life" Award from Oprah Winfrey. In 2006, Bryant received the Vanguard Man of the Year Award from the Association of Black Harvard Women at Harvard University, and was honored with the 38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Excellence in Leadership Award.

Most recently, John Hope Bryant was prominently featured in former President Bill Clinton's national best-selling book, "Giving: How Each Of Us Can Change The World."

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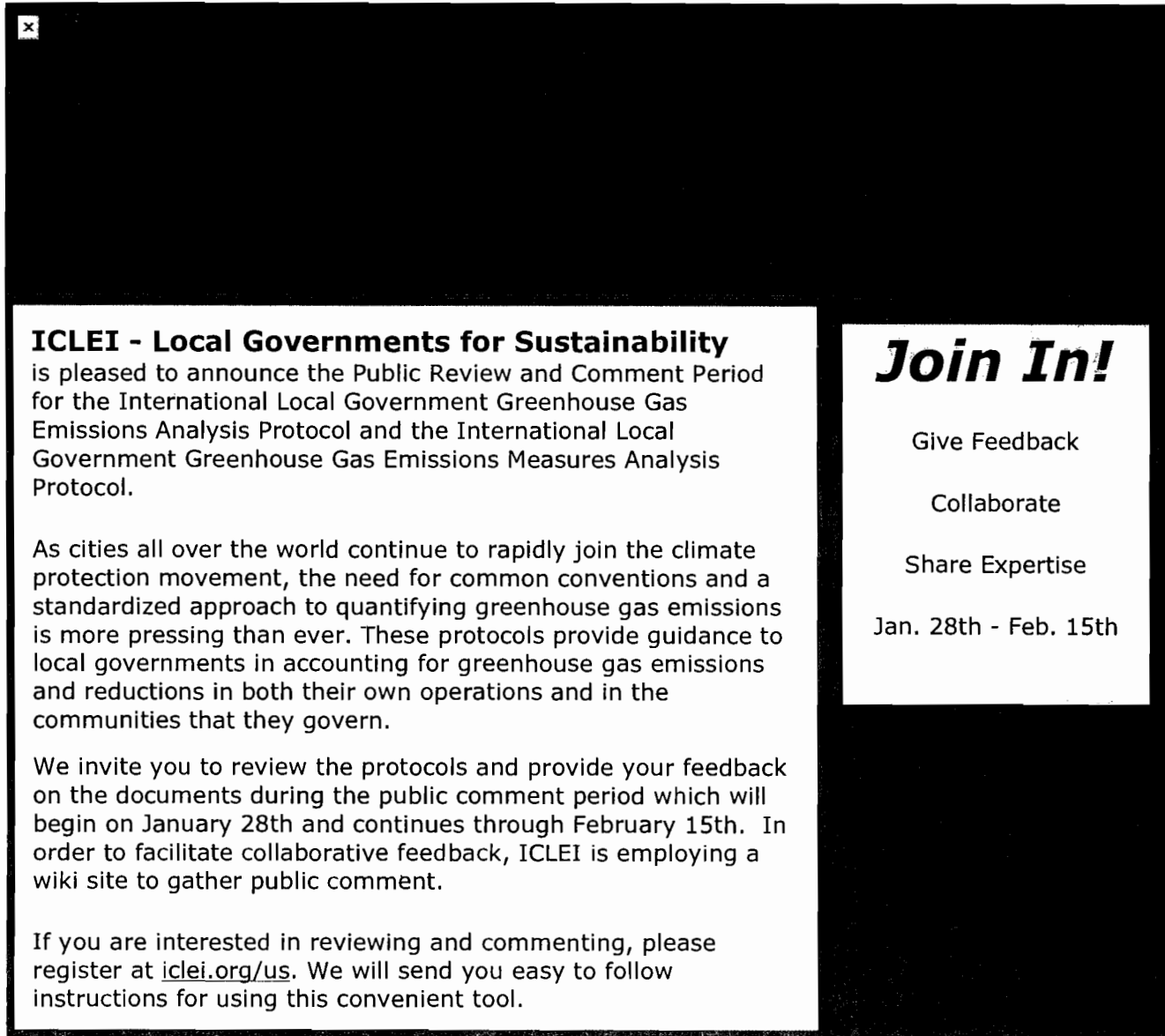
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 8:07 PM  
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**Subject:** Public Review and Comment Period

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**From:** Ingrid Sheldon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:56 PM  
**To:** Higgins, Marcia  
**Subject:** South Main and Stadium projects

Hi Marcia,

I know that you have been deluged by Ann Arbor Golf and Outing members with their opinions regarding these two projects. I think it could be argued that there is a South Main non-motorized project and a Stadium reconstruction project. Each just happens to involved AAGOC. I can imagine a different but overlapping set of constituents for each project. I guess I would like to be added to your list of conversations regarding these projects. Perhaps there would be a time that would be convenient for me to call you? Meet you for coffee? The City (staff and consultants) have been offering alternatives, but I am curious regarding your perspective of the enhancement grant if condemnation were involved... things like that. Let me know if you would have time...

Take care,  
Ingrid

King, Carol

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**From:** JCWCONSULT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 11:17 PM  
**To:** Greden, Leigh  
**Cc:** Kunselman, Stephen  
**Subject:** Re: City Speed Limits Issue

Dear Leigh,

Thanks for the reply, though we clearly differ on some points. I am glad that you seem like you might be willing to have some sort of substantive dialogue on the issue, as that has been a serious goal of mine for some time. I welcome serious discussion, especially with those that disagree with the conclusions I have reached after 45+ years of intense study of this safety issue. My goal is increased safety for all of us.

I am glad that you support the changes on the sections of Washtenaw - it is simply wrong to have numbers painted on the signs that represent the speeds of less than 5% of the drivers, so that 95+% of the drivers are defined as criminals. That makes no sense at all to me, from the view of safety or any other point of view.

You say, correctly, that many residents want speed limits set lower so that this will lower (or keep low) the actual travel speeds. If the lower numbers on the signs actually lowered the travel speeds, it would be a valid point of view, but the numbers on the signs have almost nothing to do with actual travel speeds.

In general, which policy is more important to support, and which procedure leads to greater actual safety?

1. A lower number on the signs than most people will respect or comply with, but which makes some people feel safer, because the lower number suggests what residents hope will be the actual and lower travel speeds.

or

2. A realistic number on the signs that reflects actual behavior of the vast majority of safe driving motorists.

This is the essence of the argument because the numbers painted on the signs have almost no effect on actual traffic speeds. The public falsely believes that the numbers on the signs affect actual travel speeds, but that is simply not true. Then the next phase of the argument becomes whether to paint truthful numbers on the signs that reflect the actual behavior of the vast majority of safe and sane driving motorists, or to paint artificially low numbers that only a tiny fraction of drivers will comply with, and which tend to cause more speed variance and more conflicts between vehicles.

Seventy years of traffic safety engineering science say #2 is the better and safer procedure, though that answer is quite counter-intuitive to many people. Most of the reason that answer is counter-intuitive is the 30+ years of deliberate mis-information and dis-information that came from Washington during and after the abortive and counter-productive National Maximum Speed Limit era from 1974 - 1995.

Let me ask you a really profound specific question, and please think a lot before you come to a conclusion.

The actual travel speeds at a given point are as follows:

% of vehicles	actual speeds of travel
2%	30 mph or under
14%	31 to 35 mph
46%	36 to 40 mph
35%	41 to 45 mph
3%	46 mph or higher

85% of the vehicles are below or right at 42 mph.

If you had the power to set the posted speed limit, what limit would you post?

If you (and hopefully Steve as well) would be willing, I would love to meet with you in February to hear your answer(s) to the above hypothetical example. It is a good illustration of the issues.

Molly and I are fine and we leave Saturday for a 2 week safari in Tanzania. With any luck at all we will see lions, elephants, rhino, hippo, giraffe, hyena, cheetah, buffalo, and large numbers of wildebeest in migration. We get back on February 9, assuming that we don't become lunch for one of the prides of lions. :-)

Regards,

Jim Walker

In a message dated 1/22/2008 8:32:31 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, LGreden@a2gov.org writes:

Jim-

I agree that speed limits along portions of Washtenaw -- including the section you cite -- can and should be raised. But I respectfully disagree that higher speed limits along Jackson Rd., east of Stadium/Maple, would be safer. The lanes along that portion of Jackson are very narrow. There are countless residential driveways with cars pulling into and out of the driveways. Cars often stop to turn left into the neighborhoods. Frankly, I drive at or below the speed limit in that area because I consider it so hazardous. The State law does not adequately take such factors into consideration, which is why I believe the City code should be changed to give the City more discretion to set speed limits based on the many varying criteria.

I hope you and Molly are well. Please tell her I said hello.

-Leigh

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**From:** JCWCONSULT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 02, 2007 5:04 PM  
**To:** Greden, Leigh  
**Cc:** Kunselman, Stephen  
**Subject:** Re: City Speed Limits Issue

In a message dated 12/1/2007 8:19:11 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, LGreden@a2gov.org writes:

Hi Jim-

I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you know, the City is working on a compromise, whereby the speed limit on some major roads (such as Washtenaw) would be raised. Even this has caused significant opposition from residents. Simply put, my constituents overwhelmingly oppose raising speed limits. I understand that the data probably do not support lower speed limits in some areas, based on the number of curb cuts, traffic flow, etc. But this must be balanced with the desires of residents who want enforced controls to keep speeds in their areas lower.

I appreciate your interest in this. I apologize again for the delay in responding.

-Leigh Greden, City Council

Dear Leigh,



Thanks very much for the response.

I am aware of the compromise that will allow some roads like Washtenaw to become safer with the correct scientific speed limits based on the 85th percentile speeds of free flowing traffic under good conditions, while others like Jackson Road will remain less safe with improper, artificially-low posted limits that tend to cause more speed variance which can raise the accident rate.

Note that on Washtenaw near Stadium, the posted 35 mph was the 4th percentile speed, thus defining 96% of the vehicles as illegal. This has nothing whatsoever to do with safety, only ticket revenue. Police could, and did, ticket drivers virtually at random. An officer could go to that speed trap knowing that 90+% of the drivers would be above the posted limit almost all of the time - and stay there until they got writers cramp.

Constituents often overwhelmingly oppose the safer scientifically-based speed limits due to ignorance, and that is a real pity. The city and the state should ALWAYS post the speed limits that tend to reduce the accident rate to the lowest possible level -- but citizens sometimes cause compromises with that procedure and force the posted limits to be set at artificially low levels that are less safe.

Note that ALL trained traffic engineers know that the posted limit has almost nothing to do with the upper levels of the actual travel speeds, only the definition of what is illegal and can be sanctioned. Drivers drive to what they can see, and the overwhelming majority of them (at least 85%) do so with great skill and safety, regardless of the numbers painted on the signs.

I again repeat my offer to meet with you and Mr. Kunselman, so that you two might become educated on what is the safest procedure to set posted speed limits. The truth about posted speed limits and safety is counterintuitive, and it would be helpful if at least two Council members understood the truth.

I also ask again as I did in the Ann Arbor News "What possible motivation would the Traffic Services Section of the Michigan State Police have to make things more dangerous?" Their mission, often opposed out of ignorance, is to promote speed limits set at the level that tends to produce the fewest accidents -- usually the 85th percentile speed of free flowing traffic under good conditions. The two officers in charge of that department won a Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission award for their work to try to set the correct, realistic and safest speed limits around the state.

Regards,

Jim Walker  


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**From:** Jesse Bernstein [Jesse@annarborchamber.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 10:11 PM  
**To:** Rod Byrne; Hieftje, John; Fraser, Roger; Jim Kosteva; Mary Kerr  
**Cc:** Megan Turnbow; Kristie Martin  
**Subject:** Inter-City Visit from Chapel Hill  
**Attachments:** image005.gif; image004.jpg; image006.jpg; image007.gif

Aaron Nelson, my counterpart in Chapel Hill, called me several day ago asking if I was interested in having a visit from their community leaders. I replied affirmatively, and he said they were choosing between AA and Charlottesville, VA. I've been out of town for a few days and Jim Kosteva reports that the UNC has contacted UofM, so I'm guessing that we are in play. We had a visit from Chapel Hill in 1997 and Jim and Mary were involved. I suspect Mary and John should be receiving calls, if they haven't already.

They want to come later this year and there will be several planning meetings here and there to discuss their interests and our activities to find the areas that are most beneficial to deal with during their visit. If you are interested in learning more about these visits, go to [www.madison2006.com](http://www.madison2006.com) to see how their visit to Madison was structured. Once we know the topics of interest that we share, I am certain we will involve others.

We should plan to meet in the next week or so to start planning this event. I'm excited about this because I believe it can help us work better together. If you have any info or want to suggest a meeting time, please hit "reply all" to speed up communications. Thanks. JAB

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**From:** Steve Bean [sbean@berginc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2008 9:35 PM  
**To:** Rolla, Elizabeth  
**Cc:** Naud, Matthew; Teall, Margie; Cooper, Eli  
**Subject:** Re: West Stadium Reconstruction

Thanks for the reply, Liz.

I think you understood me just fine. My guess is that everyone involved in these projects, including the traffic engineers, has a pretty similar understanding of the benefits of road dieting.

Where I seem to be pushing the envelope is where our ten environmental goals (and those road dieting benefits) get weighed against current traffic volumes and get undervalued in the plan. Our goal of Efficient Mobility ("Provide infrastructure and policies for efficient modes of transportation") is about moving people and goods/materials, not vehicles. Maybe we need to make that more clear in order to aid our thinking. (And, of course, at least six of the other goals are relevant to this sort of project.)

I think that **the focus on vehicle counts, as opposed to passenger counts**, is the thumb on the scale, so to speak. In addition, limiting the evaluation to that value, or even the trend or projection for that value, would leave out pertinent and important data about non-motorized users and transit ridership trends. Obviously, in order to realistically consider what I'm suggesting, those data would need to be considered, and a more comprehensive, coordinated plan would need to be developed so that everyone continues to receive a reasonable level of service. For example, in addition to the new bike lanes, bus service would probably have to be increased in that area and the park-and-ride lots might need to be expanded.

While the reality is that the environmental goals haven't worked their way into practice yet, and the environmental action plan is still early in its development, I think that it's possible and desirable to use our best judgment on anticipating how they'll guide us in the future and to start acting on that judgment, especially for long-lived projects like these.

I'll be asking the Environmental Commission's transportation committee to consider exploring this area for possible policy recommendations. With the probable delay in the E. Stadium/S. Main projects that Eli informed me of, this may work out to be an opportune time to do so.

I'd appreciate hearing any other thoughts you have on this.

Steve

PS: I hope you'll forgive my switching back and forth between my roles as a citizen and as a commission member. I'm giving all this a lot of my time and trying to connect with the right people, but I may not do it perfectly. :-)

On Jan 22, 2008, at 2:03 PM, Rolla, Elizabeth wrote:

Hi Steve. Thanks for your emails. You are now on our email list for the West Stadium project.

I understand that you would like to see a three lane configuration for West Stadium, your goal being to reduce the pavement and all the benefits associated with that. Please let me know if i misunderstood:

In general, we believe that the traffic volumes on Stadium are too high for a three lane road. However, we are collecting additional counts to confirm this and we can let you know the results of those counts once completed. Please feel free to remind me if you don't hear from me in the next few weeks.

Also, we are working to improve pedestrian access as best we can with this project. While a three lane road would be ideal for pedestrian access, we think we can make many improvements even if we're going to stick with the four lanes (or go to five).

For your information, this project will only reconstruct the section from Pauline to Seventh. However, we are looking for input for the Seventh to Main section as we must tie-in to that section in the future. I have heard from others about the difficulties of crossing to Pioneer and we will be keeping that in mind for this project and the next phase also. I'm sorry about your son's accident.

Thanks for your input and i hope you can attend our next meeting (which will not be on your birthday). Take care, liz

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

**From:** Steve Bean [mailto:sbean@berginc.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2008 10:42 AM

**To:** Rolla, Elizabeth

**Subject:** Re: West Stadium Reconstruction

"To receive regular email updates on the project, please email Elizabeth Rolla."

I forgot to ask to be put on the mailing list.

Thanks.

Steve

On Jan 17, 2008, at 10:26 AM, Steve Bean wrote:

Elizabeth,

By now you may have received my message about the E. Stadium bridges/S. Main projects. I hope it wasn't inappropriate to cc you on that.

I included you since I see that you're the contact for the W. Stadium project, and I would like to submit the same suggestion of lane and width reduction for that section as well.

I'm sorry I wasn't able to attend the public input session on the 9th. (I didn't see any notice of it for some reason -I typically hear about that sort of thing from \*somebody\*. It was also my birthday, and I probably wouldn't have foregone the nice dinner with my family anyway.) Also, you may be aware that my son was hit by a car while crossing Stadium at Hutchins on his way to school one morning last November. He's doing fine--all bruises and trauma seem to be healed. Understandably, I think, my wife and I are very interested in the pedestrian crossing improvements for that section of road. So I hope to attend the next meeting this spring.

Please let me know if you have questions about my suggestions relative to this project or to the City's environmental goals.

Thanks for your consideration.

Steve

Steven Bean

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