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***Memorandum***

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

DATE: Dec. 3, 2008

FR: Pam Grove

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RE: Election of MCAC Officers

The MTC resolution that lays out MCAC's roles and responsibilities also calls for the committee to elect officers each year. The resolution states that each committee will have a chair and a vice-chair, and any other officer deemed necessary by the committee. Officers have one-year terms. Although officers may be re-appointed, regular rotation is strongly encouraged.

MCAC historically has elected a chair and two vice chairs each year, and at our December meeting we will hold elections for those three positions.

To date, we have two nominees for chair and two nominees for vice chair. Below is a short bio for each of the currently nominated candidates.

**CHAIR**

**James McGhee** is president of JLM Management Group, a multi-discipline consulting firm specializing in business and economic development. He is a consultant for the Small Business Administration in strategic planning and organizational development in financial administrative management. Mr. McGhee is president of the Board of Psychology for the State of California and a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Legislative Black Caucus Foundation for the State of California.

**Carlos Romero** is an affordable housing developer and land-use professional with expertise in infill and mixed-use developments. He is a Planning Commissioner for the City of East Palo Alto and a member of the EPA's Environmental Justice Group. Mr. Romero was a 2005 Harvard Loeb Fellow, and holds a certificate in Advanced Environmental Studies from Harvard's Graduate School of Design. He is also a graduate of Stanford University, and was recently elected to the East Palo Alto city council.

**VICE CHAIR**

**Carlos Castellanos** has a Master's degree in transportation engineering and city planning. As a transportation planner, he works in real estate development focused on urban in-fill. As assistant project manager for the Unity Council, Mr. Castellanos assisted in the financing, jurisdictional approvals and design of the Fruitvale BART Transit Village. He is currently chair of the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council and was formerly vice chair of the Mission Economic Development Agency Board and the Action Alliance for Children.

**Darnell Turner** is a long-time advocate for social and civil rights issues and has worked to improve the environmental and economic needs of the community. He is a past president of the East County NAACP and City of Pittsburg Community Advisory Commission and past State Education Chair of the NAACP California State Conference of Branches and a board member of the ACLU – Mt. Diablo Chapter. In addition, he is host/producer of Turner & Company (Comcast Cable community-access channel).

Elections will be held at the beginning of our December meeting.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 510-817-5706 or Georgia at 510-817-5787.