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## *Memorandum*

TO: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

DATE: Feb. 5, 2008

FR: Pam Grove, Public Information Officer

RE: Elections for 2008 MCAC Officers

At the February meeting, we will hold elections for officers. Below is a short bio for each of the candidates. As a reminder, elections will be held at the beginning of the meeting, and further nominations are welcome from the floor.

### **Candidates for MCAC 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. In addition, he has served as a vice chair for MCAC this past year.

**Michael Rubiano** is employed by Yahoo!, Inc. as the Director of Political Advertising Strategy. Prior to Yahoo!, Mr. Rubiano had an extensive career in politics, nonprofits and community service. He served on the staffs of former Congressman (and current Mayor of Oakland) Ronald V. Dellums, as well as current Congresswoman Barbara Lee. In addition, he worked on business development issues for both the Alameda County Economic Development Department and the U.S. Department of Commerce. He has served on the board of directors for the Northern California Supplier Development Council and as a Commissioner on the Oakland Base Reuse Authority. In addition, he has served as a vice chair for MCAC this past year.

### **Candidates for MCAC Vice Chair**

**Randi Kinman** is currently serving as Planning Commissioner for the City of San Jose. She has been involved in local planning, land use and transportation issues through San Jose's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative program, serving as chair of different committees and as an executive board member. Ms. Kinman is past president and a current board member of the Burbank/Del Monte Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

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**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.

**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, 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).