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Re: State Community College/East St. Louis

Dear Kevin:

I received a call from Wyvetter Younge last Friday afternoon asking to have a representative from Monsanto attend her town meeting/public forum the following morning at State Community College in East St. Louis. The purpose of the forum was to, among other things, develop a strategic plan for State Community College and establish customized training for students at SCC with the goal of private industries placing SCC students in local jobs. Wyvetter wanted someone from Monsanto to discuss employer placement at the college. I've enclosed the notice of the meeting for your information.

Since we got her usual last minute notice of this, I told her we'd try, but couldn't promise to have anyone there. I tried to reach you and Keith Miller who was on vacation until today.

Bernie Sieracke, the lobbyist for Chem-Waste, has been working with Wyvetter on trying to structure a program that would make sense from the business side, attended the session Saturday. He said the session was a somewhat unfocused and lively (i.e., heated) exchange of community people and business representatives about businesses doing "something" for the community.

As I mentioned to you during the spring legislative session, Sieracke is trying to formulate a program for the College that will involve community businesses. He is currently discussing with the Governor's office the possibility of having Illinois EPA Director, Mary Gade, participate in a business group that would put together

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a curriculum for the College similar to the four-year curriculum that Roosevelt University in Chicago is starting. He is also working with Dr. Randolph, SCC's new President, who, according to Sieracke, is pretty realistic about what can be done with this program. The plan is to invite various businesses to participate in this group once Mary Gade has the go-ahead to get involved. The actual involvement of each company is expected to be minimal, but should have a good deal of public relations value.

In our discussions during the legislative session, I understood that Monsanto is willing to be involved in a industry-educational project (along the lines proposed by Wyvetter in her HB 1307 and 1308, the Enterprise Schools and Urban Studies legislation) but with more control by the business community.

I expect to hear back from Sieracke within the next week or two, once the Mary Gade thing is worked out. In the meantime, please let me know whether Monsanto is interested in pursuing this with the business group. Also, if you have any comments or questions, please let me know.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



James J. Bagley

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cc: Keith Miller

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A CALL TO ACTION

SATURDAY, JULY 17 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

**AT THE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN EAST ST. LOU
FOR A LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE
FOR**

**THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT 601 - STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSISTING OF: ALORTON, BROOKLYN, CENTREVILLE, EAST ST. LOUIS,
FAIRMOUNT CITY, NATIONAL CITY AND WASHINGTON PARK
GOAL: LOCAL CONTROL OF STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Town Meeting/Public Forum:

Sponsored by

State Representative Weyner Younger

Committee for Economic Recovery

Stanford Tucker, Chairman

Earl Dobbins, Chairman, Concerned Citizens

Guest Speaker: Dr. Cleveland Chandler

OBJECTIVES OF THE SATURDAY, JULY 17TH PUBLIC FOR

To deliver a report on Economic Development Initiatives for the Metro East

1. To develop a joint municipal, citizens and S.C.C., Strategic Plan including the completion of the first of the plan.
2. To communicate how this strategic plan relates to the overall comprehensive plan for the economic recovery of the cities in district 601.
3. To work with the Educational Advisory Panel on the evaluation of S.C.C. and the strategic plan for S.C.C.
4. To come out of this public forum with a commitment from private industry to place S.C.C. students in to serve on the Employer Placement Committee at S.C.C., and establish customized training at S.C.C.

AGENDA FOR A CALL TO ACTION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Vote For Local
Control**



**JULY 17 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
AT THE STATE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE IN EAST ST. LOUIS**

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FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY

You are invited to be part of a coalition of citizens committed to building a local economy in East St. Louis, Alorton, Centreville, Washington Park, Brooklyn, Venice and Madison, Illinois.

The general purpose of our forum is to train ourselves to build our local economy so there can be jobs, hon and a better quality of life for the people; the most immediate purpose is to put together a strategic plan for State Community College.

BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE

We, people of color, gather together, at our forum to begin a movement - local, state-wide, national, international - to fight against the destruction of our communities, the taking of State Community College away from people of district and to fight at promote economic alternatives that will contribute to the development of communities and local economies so that our political, educational and economic liberation is secured.

We believe, that each individual has a right to an opportunity to develop to the fullest extent of his potential. Therefore, educational justice calls for local citizens being in control of the educational institutions, where present and future generations of people of color attend.

These institutions must assist the social, economic, and cultural development needs of people of color, bas on our experience, and must be based on an appreciation of our diverse cultural perspectives.

Educational justice calls for the self determinism of District 601 to progress toward a permanent first class community college district.

OUR FORUM GOALS

1. To take another step in the continuance of rebuilding our local economy
2. For citizens to retain control of East St. Louis, Venice, Madison, Brooklyn, Washington Centreville, and Alorton
3. To create a management environment that projects an image of professional competence
4. To develop a financial plan that is accepted, managed and administered by local citizens working with our elected representatives
5. To develop a strategic plan for the future of State Community College

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