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STATEMENT BY CHARLES REID

THIS MAY BE SIGNIFICANT, IN THAT THIS IS THE BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, A MAN WHO SPENT HIS ENTIRE ADULT LIFE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF HARMONY AND ACCORD.

TODAY, I AM WITHDRAWING FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION WITH MY WIFE, MRS. REID, WE'VE CONCLUDED THAT I WILL NOT BECOME A CANDIDATE AT THIS TIME.

I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS HOWEVER, THAT I REMAIN UNCONVINCED THAT TWO QUALIFIED BLACK OFFICIALS, RUNNING FOR THE SAME SEAT ON THE BOARD IN THE 1982 ELECTIONS WOULD CAUSE VOTE-SPLITTING AND BITTERNESS AMONG FOURTH DISTRICT VOTERS AND OTHER SUPPORTERS AS FEARED BY SOME. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, THAT MANY OF THE POTENTIAL SUPPORTERS ARE RELUCTANT TO DO SO FOR FEAR OF ALIENATING ONE OR THE OTHER AND THAT HAS PROVEN VERY DETRIMENTAL IN ATTEMPTING TO LINE-UP FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THEREFORE, MY DECISION NOT TO BECOME A CANDIDATE IS BASED SOLEY ON THE FACT THAT COMMITMENTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAVE NOT BEEN REALIZED.

I STILL BELEIVE THAT THE VOTERS OF THIS DISTRICT WILL VOTE FOR CANDIDATES THAT THEY FEEL ARE QUALIFIED TO DO THE JOB. BASED ON MY PERFORMANCE AS A COLLEGE TRUSTEE AND COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS' LONG RECORD OF SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL, I STILL BELIEVE WE COULD BE THE TWO TOP VOTE GETTERS AND MOVE INTO THE GENERAL ELECTION.

I BELEIVE OUR PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS TO BE BASICALLY THE SAME, AND IN THESE AREA WHERE THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFERENCES, I HOPE

TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THESE SO THAT THE VOTERS OF THIS DISTRICT CAN CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE CARE/CONCERN TO WHICH THEY HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED.

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