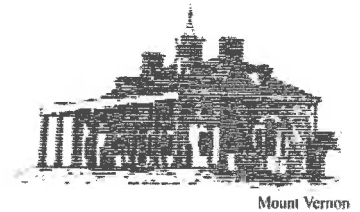




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To Present and Prospective Members of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations:

As your elected representative, I wanted to share with you my thoughts on the value of being a member of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations.

I've been fortunate to work with MVCCA and the highly engaged Mount Vernon community for over 15 years. I have seen firsthand the MVCCA's unique ability to successfully influence legislators and mobilize residents on important issues that help make our District and the County a better place to live, work and play. Those of you who have been long standing members know this as well.

This year the MVCCA celebrates its 50th Anniversary! Throughout these many years, the MVCCA has proven its ability to work collaboratively and speak with a strong voice. It has been and will continue to be an invaluable resource to me and is the first organization I look to for guidance when Mount Vernon issues arise. Our collaborative efforts lead to community-wide discussions. A perfect example was the MVCCA's very active participation in the Embark Comprehensive Plan changes, bringing the National Park Service to the table to address long ignored safety issues along the GW Memorial Parkway, and the projected enhanced transportation systems along Richmond Highway.

The Council also provides an opportunity to build new relationships with other community members and associations. Learning about one another's needs leads to a better understanding of each other's issues and provides an even stronger voice when working with legislators. Working collectively often results in bringing positive change to the quality of life not only in one community, but to the whole of the Mount Vernon District.

If your community association is already a member of the MVCCA, I congratulate you and urge you to continue that membership. If your association is not currently a member, I encourage you to join TODAY and get involved. Your involvement gets things done and creates positive change for the Mount Vernon District and the County as a whole.

I take this opportunity to thank the MVCCA for their hard work, continued efforts and collective leadership in advocating for issues on behalf of the community, their endless volunteer hours and for continuing to foster collaboration, communication and a better community.

Respectfully yours in public service,

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