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I'm proud to say that government is also playing a role. Whether by providing tax incentives, encouraging investment and public-private partnerships, or creating safe streets through community policing, the President is working to empower our nation's distressed urban communities and creating opportunity for all Americans. The neighborhood is the basic building block for creating caring communities and a better quality of life for all, citizens and strong neighborhoods are what make America work. I applaud the National Neighborhood Coalition's efforts to educate and inform our national leadership about what it takes to build and sustain vital neighborhoods. Your coalition of national organizations and legislative and grassroots leaders provides a powerful voice in Washington, one that must continue to be heard. I send best wishes for your success and I look forward to working with you in the future.

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HRC VIDEO REQUEST FORM

DATE TO BE RECORDED 9/13

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ORGANIZATION	National Neighborhood Coalition
DATE OF EVENT	Sept 25
LOCATION	
EVENT	Annual fundraiser
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July 25, 1996

Melanne Verveer
Office of the First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Melanne:

The National Neighborhood Coalition is currently developing plans for its annual fund raiser. At the NNC Board of Directors meeting last week, we agreed to honor First Lady Hillary Clinton. The tentative date for this event is the evening of September 25. If the First Lady is not available because of campaign commitments, would it be possible for her to make a short video presentation?

I thank you in advance for your assistance. Please call me at 202/986-2096.

Yours truly,


Bud Kanitz,
NNC Executive Director

P.S. NNC Board members Pablo Eisenberg and Thom Shellabarger send their greetings!

*Holly -
Call me about
this - we
would like to
have her
the time*

National Neighborhood Coalition (NNC) Video Presentation
by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

I want to thank the National Neighborhood Coalition for honoring me along with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. I'm delighted to be in such company and admire the dedication, commitment and leadership Marcy has shown on policies that support neighborhood-based self-help strategies.

(Suggest a personal here story about why neighborhoods are important to the First Lady.)

The National Neighborhood Coalition's (NNCs) work on federal public policy issues that support low and moderate income neighborhoods is absolutely necessary in the national policy environment of Washington, DC. Unfortunately, the importance of neighborhood leadership, resident participation and nonprofit capacity building can get lost in the politics and drama of national issues. National leaders can lose sight of the importance of the NEIGHBORHOOD as the basic building block for creating vital caring communities and a better quality of life for all. Neighborhoods are what makes America work. The National Neighborhood Coalition provides a voice for neighborhoods on Capital Hill on issues that directly impact low and moderate income families. The National Neighborhood Coalition helps illustrate the impact issues like the Community Reinvestment Act, Community Development Block Grants, transportation policy, the Affordable Housing Program, the John Heinz Neighborhood Development Program and HOME legislation have on neighborhoods.

The 15% non-profit set-aside in the HOME legislation only begins to recognize the potential of grass-roots neighborhood groups like Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to help neighborhood residents and leaders help themselves, their neighbors and the country. Just as "It takes a Village to Raise a Child" it also takes all of its children to sustain a village. Nonprofit community development organizations serve as catalysts to build sustainable communities. In the coming years, it will take strong neighborhoods *and* strong nonprofit organizations to create and sustain the public/private partnerships that have proven so effective in revitalizing low-income neighborhoods.

Marcy understands the potential of neighborhood-based strategies from her personal experience. Marcy has years of experience as a neighborhood planner in Toledo, OH; a city grappling to deal with the loss of thousands of jobs in the automobile industry. She also served as an Urban Advisor during the Carter administration and successfully maneuvered 17 housing and neighborhood revitalization bills through Congress. Marcy sees her role as fostering economic development and jobs for neighborhoods, which is a powerful message to carry to colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Marcy, I wish you continued success in your efforts.

Thank you again for honoring me today, but I also want to help honor you and your coalition members for their important work. I applaud the National Neighborhood Coalition's efforts in educating and informing national leadership on what it takes to build and sustain vital neighborhoods. Your coalition of national organizations, legislative leaders and grass-roots leadership provides a powerful message in Washington, one that must continue. Best of luck in your continued success.

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The National Neighborhood Coalition

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1979, NNC is an informational and educational clearinghouse on national public policies and federal programs that affect inner-city neighborhoods and their low- and middle-income residents. NNC focuses primarily on place-based issues, such as low-income housing, community-based development, community reinvestment banking, citizen participation, crime prevention, and community organizing.

As a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) membership association composed of over 80 national and regional nonprofit organizations, NNC functions (1) as a "coalition of coalitions," bringing together local, regional, and national nonprofit organizations that work on neighborhood issues; and (2) as a network of individuals who are neighborhood practitioners and advocates.

WHAT WE DO

The National Neighborhood Coalition:

- sponsors regular two-hour Information Forums in Washington, D.C., to share information and resources, and to hear presentations by key administration officials and heads of major national nonprofit groups in a forum setting;
- tracks federal legislation on neighborhood issues, meeting with Congressional leaders and Administration officials—often at their request—to express the neighborhood viewpoint to the Congress and the Executive Branch;
- publishes a nationally recognized newsletter to assure that information obtained at the Forums—including job openings, new publications, and calendar listings—is available to the NNC network throughout the nation; and

• serves as a central clearinghouse and contact point in Washington, D.C., on upcoming conferences and grant application deadlines, new publications, and job openings.

A key activity of NNC is outreach to the Executive Branch and Congress. This began during the Bush Administration, when NNC organized meetings with Administration officials and included them among the guest speakers at Information Forums. Since the election of President Clinton, NNC's outreach program has intensified and now focuses on providing input, advice, and information to White House and Administration officials on matters of concern to neighborhood practitioners. In response to this outreach program, several high-level members of the Clinton White House staff and Cabinet agencies have addressed Information Forums. These include:

- **Henry Cisneros**, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- **Bruce Reed**, White House Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy;
- **Paul Dimond**, member of the White House National Economic Council;
- **Andrew Cuomo**, HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development;
- **Marc Weiss**, Special Assistant to HUD Secretary Cisneros;
- **Ell Segal**, Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service;
- **Donald Sykes**, Director of the HHS Office of Community Services; and
- **Fred Garcia**, Deputy Director for Demand Reduction in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The NNC outreach program has put the issues of concern to neighborhood advocates before the highest levels of government. As never before, the voice of NNC is heard in Washington. *By joining, you can be heard, too.*

What NNC Membership Means for You

***By becoming a member of NNC,
you and your organization:***

- support a national voice for neighborhoods in Washington, D.C.;
- stay informed on issues of vital importance to the survival of the nation's communities, such as affordable housing and crime prevention;
- gain access to one of the most far-reaching and diverse networks of neighborhood and community development activists in the United States;
- learn about both new and established federal community revitalization programs;
- become involved in efforts to restore one of the nation's greatest assets—stable and safe neighborhoods;
- make a significant contribution to providing housing for low- and moderate-income residents;
- help fight redlining by getting financial institutions to reinvest in inner-city neighborhoods; and
- receive the ***NNC Information Report***.

**If you care about neighborhoods
and the people who live in them,
NNC is for you.**

JOIN US TODAY!

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the National Neighborhood Coalition (NNC) is to promote socially and economically healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. We serve as the "national voice for neighborhoods" in Washington, DC and promote a neighborhood focus at all levels of government and throughout American society. The NNC is a nonprofit membership organization that advocates for policies and programs that foster effective partnerships between nonprofit neighborhood groups, private sector institutions, and government agencies.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- (1) To maintain and strengthen a coalition of national and regional nonprofit organizations and a network of individual practitioners and advocates that work with neighborhood groups by:
 - A. Organizing ten regularly-scheduled information forums that are open to member organizations, the media, and other interested parties;
 - B. Publishing a newsletter ten times a year;
 - C. Serving as an educational clearinghouse to share information on national policies and federal and state programs that affect low- and moderate-income communities and nonprofit neighborhood groups;
 - D. Convening member organizations to conduct joint action on public policy initiatives that support neighborhood-based initiatives.
- (2) To support policy initiatives that strengthen the role of neighborhood-based nonprofits as problem solvers and community builders by:
 - A. Advocating on behalf of a distinctly neighborhood perspective on issues such as housing, community-based economic development, community reinvestment banking, job training, service delivery, transportation, and crime prevention as determined annually by the NNC Board of Directors;
 - B. Promoting citizen participation, nonprofit capacity building, income targeting, and nonprofit set-asides in the development of federal, state, and local policies for effective neighborhood improvement.
 - C. Educating the public about the effectiveness of neighborhood-based strategies.
- (3) To increase the availability of resources for low- and moderate-income neighborhoods by:
 - A. Convening meetings with neighborhood representatives and elected officials and federal agencies to demonstrate the effectiveness of neighborhood-based strategies.
 - B. Evaluating government programs and assisting neighborhood groups to better impact the operations of those programs.

CASE STATEMENT

The National Neighborhood Coalition is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) membership organization made up of national and regional nonprofit organizations, as well as corporations, foundations, and financial institutions. We believe that by making neighborhoods work for residents, we make our communities healthy and sustainable places for all to live.

Neighborhoods are both "people" and "places." The neighborhood agenda cuts across a wide variety of issues from housing to child care, from job training to health care, and from economic development to family services. The neighborhood agenda emphasizes a number of organizational methods: community organizing, community-based development, citizen participation, and community-based service delivery. The constituent interest organizations concerned with that agenda are incredibly diverse: national networks of community-based organizations, civil rights groups, housing organizations, religious institutions, funders, technical assistance providers, family service advocates, and intermediaries, as well as neighborhood residents. The National Neighborhood Coalition is committed to working with its members to advance policies that will help these efforts to continue and expand.