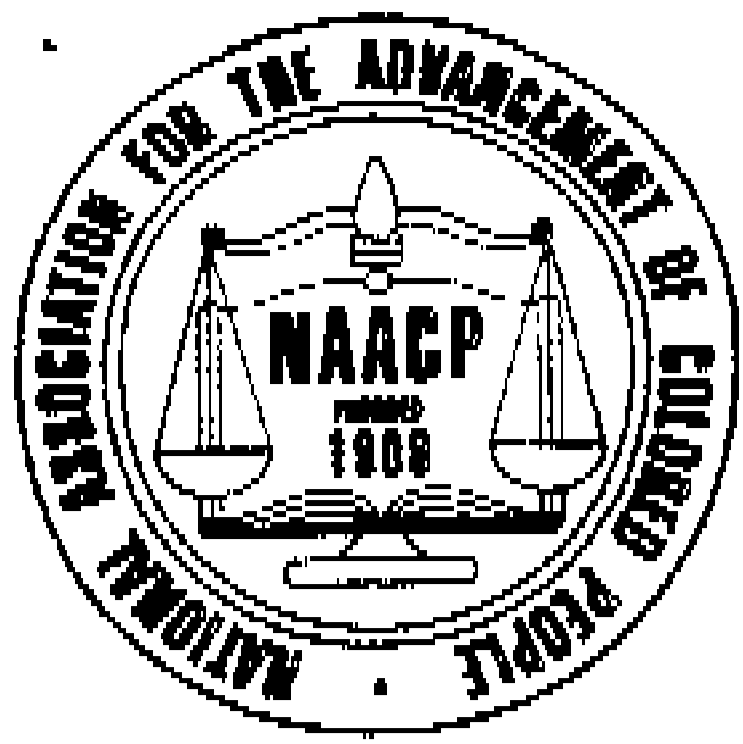


**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
CHATTANOOGA HAMILTON COUNTY BRANCH**

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March 21, 2011

Mayor Jim Coppinger
208 Courthouse
625 Georgia Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Dear Mayor Coppinger,

The Chattanooga Hamilton County NAACP requests, through the Open Records Act, a copy of a current completed worksheet (Attachment One) from the companies (Attachment Two) that have been recommended by the Hamilton County Industrial Development Bond Board and approved by the Hamilton County Board of Commissions to receive favorable tax treatment at taxpayers' expense, under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program. Under the agreement, businesses don't have to pay full property taxes for a certain number of years, but they must pay the share of property taxes that goes to schools.

A completed copy of the worksheet from each company should already be on file to confirm that all conditions and expectations contained in the Resolution to grant them PILOT status have been met. This will enable the NAACP and local government to determine if community concerns are justified that businesses receiving the PILOT benefits are not hiring local African-American workers at a level reflective of the population in Chattanooga and Hamilton County. In fact, many people feel strongly that there is widespread employment discrimination in our area and if allowed to continue will further weaken our community.

The application to form the Hamilton County Industrial Development Bond Board was adopted by the Hamilton County Commission on July 22, 1981. Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office on August 3, 1981. The Board was created to finance, acquire, own, lease and/or dispose of properties that certain corporations may be able to maintain and increase employment opportunities for all local citizens. This board, with approval of the mayor and the legislative body, has the authority to transfer the fee title of the PILOT property to the Bond Board and defer and/or set full abatement of property taxes for a fixed period to entice local investment at lower cost than can be found elsewhere.

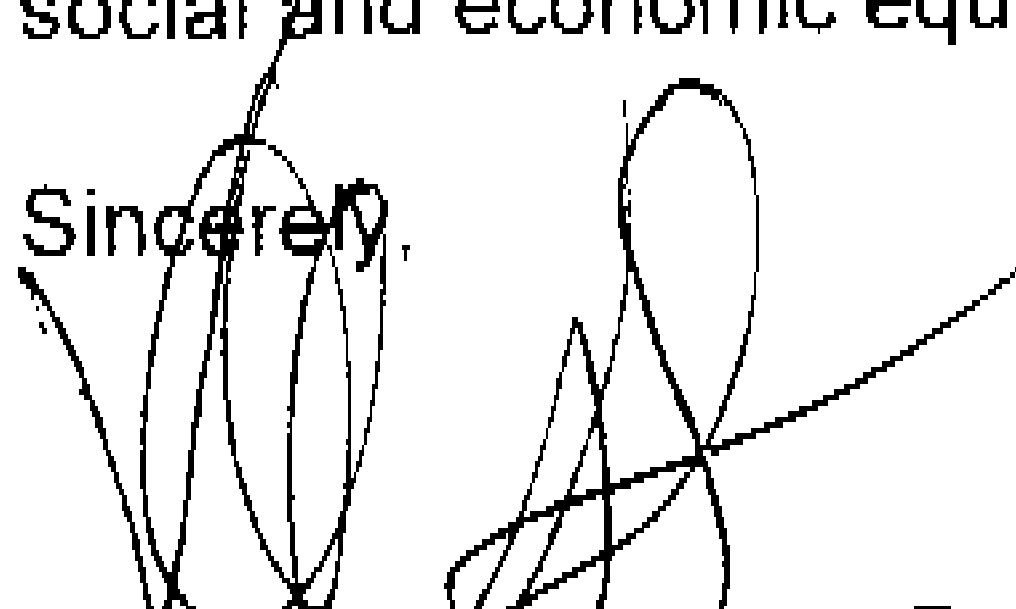
We eagerly await the completed worksheets from Attachment One for every company listed in Attachment Two.

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Should you have any questions and/or concerns, you may contact me at (423) 432-9776 or e-mail me at chattanooganaacp@comcast.net.

Founded in 1909, by a diverse group of citizens committed to helping to right social injustice, the principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority citizens in this country.

Sincerely,



Valoria V. Armstrong, President
Chattanooga Hamilton County NAACP

Cc: Mayor Ron Littlefield, City of Chattanooga
Hamilton County Commission Chair Larry Henry
Chattanooga City Council Chair Manuel Rico
President Gloria Jean Sweet-Love, Tennessee NAACP