

May 25, 1994

To: My Fellow MidCoast Community Council Members

From: Angela Meyer, Council Chair

RE: Meeting participation

The sporadic participation of Council members has been a constant impediment to our functioning efficiently as a representative Council. It is very difficult to provide the representation which is expected by the community without each Council member's consistent and continuous commitment.

It is not fair for us to complain about the lack of community enthusiasm for our activities if we show none ourselves. I acknowledge that it is difficult to proceed with our virtually non-existent resources, but it is even more difficult when the responsibility for conducting the Council's business falls upon just a few individuals. Furthermore, we are doing a disservice to our community if we are not even able to achieve a majority vote at meetings due to the absence of Council members.

I am personally at a point where I am no longer willing to accept the responsibility of answering for the intermittent participation of others. I too have family obligations and a more-than-full-time job.

As much as I dislike an ultimatum, it is only fair to give notice that, if at our meetings during June, we are unable to achieve a majority vote due to the absence of Council members, I will no longer feel that the the MCC is a functioning representative body. At that point, I would certainly reevaluate my own commitment to the Council, and consider pursuing more effective community service as a private citizen.