



**Leadership Franklin
Government Day
Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

Dear Leadership Franklin Class Member:

We are pleased to co-chair Leadership Franklin's Government Day on February 9, 2011. Through the experiences, we hope you will gain greater insight into the people and processes that make state and local government work.

Dress for the day will be **business attire**.

We will begin Government Day by meeting on the 3rd Avenue side of City Hall at 6:45 a.m. Please park in the Franklin parking garage behind City Hall on 2nd Avenue. The bus will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. for the Franklin Municipal Services Center on Century Court, where we will have breakfast, meet the Mayors and experience firsthand some of the equipment that helps our community services function. During the morning you will learn more about our local libraries and planning for our community's future. Then it is off to Nashville to meet with State Legislators', tour the State Capital and visit a number of state executive offices. We anticipate having a photo opportunity with our new Governor Bill Haslam. Then it will be back to Franklin to engage in a dialog with local media members to reflect on their role in informing the community and interacting with decision makers. The final class activity of the day will be an interactive exercise where you get to take on an issue and experience firsthand the dynamics of community decision making.

In addition to conversing with leaders, we will provide several opportunities for you as a class to discuss some of the pressing governmental issues in Franklin, Williamson County, and the State of Tennessee. We have chosen to hold open discussions and interactive experiences for most of our sessions, instead of asking you to listen to presentations. Come prepared to participate.

Understandably, there are occasions when community issues may become sensitive or controversial. We encourage you to ask probing questions, but the panel discussions are not the venue for engaging in debate. This is an excellent opportunity for you to gain a better understanding of the varying sides of issues. Remember, you may be assigned to contact one or more of these panel members to participate in a session or two next year.

Sincerely,

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