

**Leadership Franklin
Government Day
Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

Dear Leadership Franklin Class Member:

We are pleased to co-chair Leadership Franklin's Government Day on February 11, 2009. We trust that you will achieve a greater sense of the tremendous time commitments given by our government officials and staff, and the difficulties of balancing the respective pressures associated with a community growing economically and numerically.

We will begin Government Day by meeting on the 3rd Avenue side of City Hall at 6:55 a.m. Please park in the Franklin parking garage behind City Hall. The bus will leave promptly at 7:00 a.m. for Nashville, where we will have a light breakfast and discussions with our legislators at Stites & Harbison before touring the State Capital and a revitalized central city neighborhood. Dress for the day will be **business attire**. We anticipate having a photo opportunity with the governor.

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 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.

Your agenda is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to spending an exciting and informative day with you.

Sincerely,

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