

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

February 2, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Jim Mannarino, President and Publisher of the Gazette Newspapers  
 Patricia Rogers, Multicultural Affairs Committee

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Maureen Herndon  
 Community Services

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordinance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

<b>TITLE:</b>
Readings and Certificates of Recognition Presented to the 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Literary Arts Contest Winners

<b>SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:</b>
<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of the City of Gaithersburg and Gazette Newspapers 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Literary Arts Contest were in attendance and presented their essays at the County Martin Luther King Celebration on Monday, January 19th at the Music Center at Strathmore. We are proud to welcome them here tonight to once again read their work and receive their certificates from the City and awards from the Gazette Newspaper.</p> <p>Their work was judged and chosen as exceptional by members of the City's Educational and Multicultural Affairs Committees. This year the students addressed the theme, "Dr. Luther King Jr.: Truth, Justice and Equality". All work was judged anonymously and a scoring system was used.</p> <p>Congratulations to the first place authors. A special thanks to the 200 Gaithersburg students and their teachers that participated in the Contest this year. You all did an outstanding job!</p> <p><u>1<sup>st</sup> place authors (read essays and receive certificates and award)</u></p> <p>Edward Krasniewski, 12th grader              Northwest High School</p> <p>Jersie Mbu, 9<sup>th</sup> grader              Gaithersburg High School</p> <p>Katherine Rodas, 5<sup>th</sup> grader              Washington Grove Elementary School</p>

<b>DESIRED OUTCOME:</b>
First place award winners will read their essays and receive a certificate from the City and an award from the Gazette.