

# MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

**MEETING DATE:**

May 4, 2009

**CALL TO PODIUM:**

Jazmine Yambo, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student,  
Washington Grove Elementary  
School

**RESPONSIBLE STAFF:**

Crystal Carr

**AGENDA ITEM:**

(please check one)

<b>X</b>	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

**PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:**

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

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

**TITLE:**

Presentation of the City of Gaithersburg's 2009 Junior Mayor Contest Winner in Conjunction With the Maryland Municipal League's "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest

**SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:**

Fourth graders in the City of Gaithersburg were encouraged to share what they would do if they were Mayor in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League (MML) and the Maryland Mayors' Association. This year's theme was: *If you were Mayor, how would you encourage your citizens to get on board and "Go Green"? What programs could you put in place to encourage your citizens to preserve our natural resources?*

142 essays from Gaithersburg students were submitted to the statewide contest and to the City's CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committees for review.

MML will select one (1) winning essay from each of its 11 regional districts for the statewide contest.

The City of Gaithersburg has taken this program one step further by running its own local contest. Members from the CHARACTER COUNTS! Steering Committee reviewed the essays and interviewed the finalists to select a winner specifically from our own community to be the City of Gaithersburg's Junior Mayor for a year.

It is a great pleasure to introduce the City of Gaithersburg's 2009 Junior Mayor, Jazmine Yambo, from Ms. Haddad's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Washington Grove Elementary School. As the winner, Jazmine will have the opportunity to participate with Mayor Sidney Katz at City events throughout the year, and have her essay published on the City's website and in its quarterly newsletter, the Communiqué.

We would like to invite Jazmine to come forward to read her award winning essay.

**DESIRED OUTCOME:**

Present Certificate and Monetary Award to Contest Winner.