



Lynnhaven Business Association

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To: All Members of the Lynnhaven Business Association

It is with great regret that I am writing to all of the members of the Lynnhaven Business Association. With the weakened economy, the LBA is suffering the effects shared by many civic and business organizations. There has been a decrease in membership and a resulting diminished attendance at LBA functions. It has also become increasingly difficult to obtain commitments from the many fine members of our local business community to dedicate the necessary time and energy to serve on the LBA Board of Directors and committees. For this reason, and with Board approval, I must advise that the LBA will enter a period of dormancy for the next year.

At the June 23, 2009 Board Meeting, I agreed to assume the office of Presidency, as well as that of Counsel, which I previously held, for the purpose of serving as a point of contact for the LBA. Don Meador, with Crowne Plaza, has agreed to serve as Vice President and Dan Cronin, with Fulton Bank, and our past President, has agreed to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

The Board voted to refund any dues which have been paid during 2009. In addition, the Board voted to donate a substantial portion of the LBA treasury to local charities. We are holding sufficient funds in the treasury to meet minimal operating expenses, such as for upkeep of the web site and for other contingencies.

Should the economy improve, as we all know it will, or should the need arise in the next year for action to be taken on behalf of businesses in the Lynnhaven corridor, I will take the necessary steps to convene the Board and discuss appropriate options. I will also be mindful of the potential for renewing general membership meetings and scheduling functions of political or civil import. Based on the current lack of manpower, however, I do not anticipate, at this time, that the LBA will conduct meetings or host such events in the near future.

In the Spring of 1990 I convened a meeting of approximately 50 business people in the Lynnhaven area to explore the possibility of forming a Lynnhaven Business Association. From that meeting, interest in that idea grew. The first slate of officers for the Lynnhaven Business Association was elected in June of 1990. Joe Dreps served as our first President. Since that time, 18 local business leaders have served as President of the LBA.

We have hosted such functions as political debates for the office of City Mayor, United States House of Representatives, State Senator and others. We have also presented programs on issues important to our members such as traffic control, the future of the Oceana Air Base, the City's plans for development and growth and many others. Many of you may remember "Lynnhaven Live," an outdoor music festival, at which we raised money for worthy charities. We've done the same over the years with our Spring golf outing.

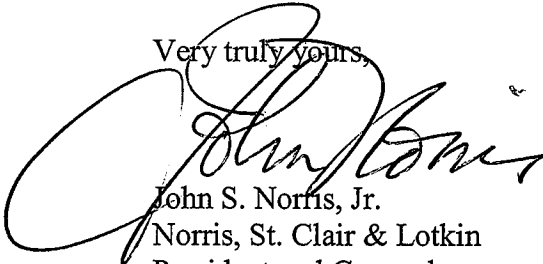
I believe the Lynnhaven Business Association has performed an important function by serving as a liaison between local businesses and its City and State government; by keeping our membership informed of matters that impacted both their businesses and their interests as citizens of the Commonwealth's largest city; and by affording our members an opportunity to meet and socialize with fellow entrepreneurs in the Lynnhaven corridor. I believe such activities were not only noteworthy but necessary for a healthy business environment in our City. I further believe that the need to have an active, healthy LBA in our community will continue in the coming years and that the LBA will regain its previous vitality to meet those needs.

I have served as counsel for the LBA for 19 years. It has been my honor and pleasure to have worked with dedicated, selfless and plain good people throughout that time. Most of them have become friends – some clients. All of them shared a common purpose of promoting the interests of the business community in our area for the betterment of our City as a whole. To those individuals I offer my gratitude and sincere hope that we will continue to stay in touch as friends, customers and concerned citizens.

Should any of you have questions, or care to offer advice during the coming year, please feel free to contact me through the LBA web site (lbavb.com).

With best wishes for your future endeavors, I am

Very truly yours,



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