



Miami 2007

# Building Livable Communities

# Meet Chris Zimmerman



## Champion of Livable Communities

- Elected to the Arlington County Board in 1996, re-elected in 1998, 2002, and 2006, serving as Chairman in 1998, 2002 and 2006
- Former civic association president and planning commissioner - advocate of the County's legacy of transit-oriented development and managed growth, and a proponent of the principles of the New Urbanism
- Works to improve
  - transit service
  - make Arlington more pedestrian-friendly
  - the availability of affordable housing in County

## Chris Zimmerman

- Works to promote concept of “smart growth” as Washington area seeks to cope with the problems of traffic congestion and environmental pollution
- One of Virginia’s two members on the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)
- Currently Chairman of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, on which he has represented Arlington since its inception in 2002
- 2004 - Chairman of the Transportation Planning Board for the National Capital Region
- Member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and a member of the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board
- 2004 to 2006 - served as President of Virginia Transit Association

## Chris Zimmerman

- 2004 became first recipient of Livable Communities Leadership Award from Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities
- Honored by Virginia Transit Association for Outstanding Contribution by a Public Official (2003), and by the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation as a Champion of Sensible Transportation (2001)

## Chris Zimmerman

- Former Chief Economist and Committee Director for Federal Budget and Taxation at the National Conference of State Legislatures
- Holds a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Economics from The American University
- Husband and father

# Meet Bill Dodd



## Bill Dodd – Champion of Livable Communities

- Key issues - transit efficiency and connectivity
- Sits on the Napa County Transportation Planning Agency Board, the Napa County Flood Control Board, the Local Agency Formation Commission, the Napa County League of Governments and the Napa Valley Housing Authority and more



## Bill Dodd

- President and general manager of Diversified Water Systems, better known as the Culligan Water Company or 20 years
- Also served as president of both the National Water Quality Association and the Pacific Water Quality Association
- Bachelor of Science degree in business management from California State University, Chico

## Champion of Livable Communities

- Represents District 4 on the Napa County Board of Supervisors
- Since 2001 has represented Napa County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
- Elected MTC chair in February 2007
- Top of MTC agenda is the prompt implementation of the infrastructure bond package passed by state voters in November 2006
- Family man with five children

# Meet Katherine Aguilar Perez



## Champion of Livable Communities

- Vice President of Development for Forest City, responsible for transit oriented projects and emerging market.
- Extensive experience in national transportation policy, regional planning and local government
- Expert in the areas of land use and development, transportation, community planning, and civic engagement

## Katherine Perez

- Previously co-founder and Executive Director of the Transportation and Land Use Collaborative of Southern California
- Serves on three Boards of Directors: CORO, a national leadership training organization; the Alliance for Regional Stewardship, and AltaMed Health Services
- Member of the Urban Land Institute's Inner City Council,
- Advisor to the UCLA Alumni Council of Student Affairs

## Katherine Perez

- Appointed in April 2007 by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the Workforce Investment Board for the City of Los Angeles
- Recognized recently as an “Outstanding Leader” in Business Life magazine
- Brings a unique perspective about the relationship between the built environment and development, and its impacts upon the health of communities and its residents
- Married and the mother of three children