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## **HELP SAVE MARYLAND & PEOPLE FOR CHANGE ANNOUNCE BOYCOTT OF WACHOVIA BANK BRANCHES & FINANCIAL SERVICES**

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND: Help Save Maryland, a citizens' organization fighting to eliminate the use of tax-dollars on services for illegal aliens, and People for Change, a citizens' watchdog group in Prince George's County, today announced a state-wide boycott of all Wachovia Bank branches and financial services. Wachovia's recently publicized partnership with CASA of Maryland, an illegal alien support group, and with elected officials of Montgomery County, a sanctuary community, is designed to help illegal aliens open bank accounts and utilize other financial instruments without a Social Security number or "legal presence" in Maryland.

Wachovia's misguided activities will undoubtedly attract additional criminal aliens, gang members and day laborers to Maryland, threatening citizen safety and further draining needed resources from deserving citizens. The reality is that Wachovia has no way of knowing who these illegals are - their true identities and nationalities, criminal histories, and potential connection with criminal drug/prostitution organizations or violent Hispanic gangs.

"Wachovia's actions threaten the economic welfare and safety of all African American citizens in Prince George's County. Our black businesses are suffering, it is difficult to secure loans from banks and stimulus money is not flowing into our communities. Shame on Wachovia Bank!" stated Sandy Pruitt, Leader, People for Change in Prince George's County.

More disturbing is the fact that Wachovia receives taxpayer bailout funds through the federal Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) to stay afloat. At the end of the day, American taxpayers are subsidizing institutions which in turn are skirting the law by providing bank services to criminal illegal aliens.

Proudly supporting Wachovia's announcement were two members of the Montgomery County Council - George Leventhal (Democrat - At Large) and newly elected Nancy Navarro (Democrat - Dist-4). Both elected officials are former board members of taxpayer funded CASA of Maryland and have a long track record of serving Hispanic illegal aliens at the expense of their voting citizen constituents.

"It's a vicious circle of taxpayer subsidized banks and organizations, in cahoots with elected officials, bleeding resources from citizens to attract and sustain Hispanic illegal aliens in Maryland," stated Brad Botwin, Director of Help Save Maryland.

In separate but related news, Bank of America, a leader in utilizing taxpayer TARP funds, announced on October 27, a \$200,000 grant for CASA of Maryland to provide “education and job training” for immigrants without “legal presence” in Maryland. Bank of America has a nation-wide history of opening bank accounts for illegal aliens, as does local failed and sold Chevy Chase Bank.

Wachovia’s actions further compound the “Sanctuary State” policies of Governor Martin O’Malley, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and Prince George’s County Executive Jack Johnson. Bank accounts act as a powerful magnet and welcome mat for attracting illegal aliens. Left unchecked, Wachovia’s new policy will further add to Maryland’s overcrowded schools, financially burdened hospitals, increased crime and gang problems and overwhelming demands for non-emergency healthcare and social services.

Help Save Maryland & People for Change members and other law-abiding citizens across the state are being asked to terminate their Wachovia, Bank of America and Chevy Chase Bank credit cards, checking and savings accounts, home equity loans and other services. There are pro-citizen banks in Maryland including the TD Bank and M&T Bank.

See [www.bankofamericaboycott.com/banklist/index.shtml](http://www.bankofamericaboycott.com/banklist/index.shtml) for suggestions of pro-citizen banks in Maryland.

It is recommended that citizens setup their replacement banking services with a lawful institution before they terminate their current accounts. Citizens are asked to keep Help Save Maryland & People for Change apprised of their banking modifications in an effort to calculate the impact on Wachovia, Bank of America and Chevy Chase Bank.

Contact Wachovia Bank: tell them you are changing banks (or never using them) because of their lawless policy of supporting illegal aliens in Maryland:

Veronica Cool, VP, Wachovia Bank, [veronica.cool1@wachovia.com](mailto:veronica.cool1@wachovia.com) 410-580-0785  
Aimee Worsley, Wachovia Bank, [aimee.worsley@wachovia.com](mailto:aimee.worsley@wachovia.com) 703-760-5544

Contact the Montgomery County Council: demand they cut all ties and funding for CASA of Maryland and the illegal alien community:

Councilmembers Nancy Navarro 240-777-7968 and George Leventhal 240-777-7811

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Join Help Save Maryland and People for Change in the fight against Wachovia Bank, Bank of America, Chevy Chase Bank and illegal immigration in Maryland!

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