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URBAN CONNECTIONS SEMINAR
A Description

The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City has been awarded a grant of \$3,500 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to conduct a program that will educate citizens about their urban center. Our members have designed a project that will direct our educational effort toward the city's suburban neighbors. We plan to invite county leaders into the City for a day consisting of a tour, lunch at the World Trade Center, and a series of briefings by humanity scholars on the interdependency of the city and its region and the need for metropolitan solutions. We expect a lively discussion to follow and, hopefully, the development of a group interested in pursuing regional cooperation.

The project will take place on four days in May spaced a week apart. Each day will have the same format but will involve a different audience of 50 suburban leaders. We are working with city officials and business leaders to identify the county business, community media, educational leaders and local elected officials to be invited.

We are intending to begin developing understanding for and appreciation of our city by county residents through an awareness of the historical, economic, and cultural impact the city has had and continues to have on the region, which understanding will lead to greater metropolitan cooperation.

We are assembling some of the area's most impressive scholars in the subject fields, including Dr. Joseph Cox from Towson State University, Dr. James Lewis from Morgan State University and Dr. Katherine Lyall from Johns Hopkins University. The program will be moderated by Sydney King, Public Affairs Director of WBAL Television.

The program is by invitation and is limited to 50 participants, each of the four dates: Thursday, May 8, Friday, May 16, Thursday, May 22 and Friday, May 29. The program is to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. each day. The 200 invited participants will be community leaders and decision makers from many walks of life throughout the region.