

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: County Council

FROM: Justina J. Ferber, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Briefing:** Impact of Economic Downturn on Local Businesses

Council President Ervin has invited County Chamber Of Commerce business representatives to discuss the current economic situation with the Council. Each representative will talk for 3 to 5 minutes. In addition, Steve Silverman, the Director of the Department of Economic Development (DED), will take a couple minutes to describe what the County is doing to assist businesses in the County.

Simon Hewson, General Manager, RiRa Irish Restaurant Pub, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber

Sam McNamee, President, Signs of Progress, Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber

Judy Stephenson, President, Officepro, Inc., Montgomery County Chamber

Eric Zelenko, Plaza Artist Materials of Maryland, Inc., Greater Silver Spring Chamber

Steve Silverman, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development