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DC BOEE: Vote Counting Know How – Know Not

Ward 3 Councilmember and GWU law professor Mary Cheh was appointed to Chair the Special Committee investigating the Board of Elections and Ethics after the September 9 primary election meltdown. Judging from the scope of grievances regarding the massive voting discrepancies and the half-measures by BOEE for its subsequent partial recounts, Councilmember Cheh has her work cut out for her.

Cary Silverman, challenger to Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans, made prompt initial inquiries that finally elicited the BOEE Chairman's acknowledgement of the importance of his questions but no answers. He suggested Silverman's questions would be answered in a report likely to be issued the following week. BOEE released its internal report October 2, the last

day Silverman was eligible to submit his request for a recount. Silverman, is entitled by law to a recount and has reluctantly but firmly requested one.

Predictably, the report failed once again to respond to issues Silverman raised. There was no explanation for the disappearance of the Precinct 4 cartridge, its later recovery, and its condition. Nor was there any discussion of why BOEE failed to reconcile the number of precinct signatures, paper and touch-screen ballots, and the total vote count. This is not rocket science.

After testifying before Councilmember Cheh's committee on Oct 3rd, Silverman left town for the weekend and returned Monday evening Oct. 6 only to find in his home mailbox a letter without postage and no delivery confirmation required. It was

a BOEE letter informing him of the preliminary meeting that had already been held at 3 p.m. that day and of a 9 a.m. recount scheduled for the next day, October 7. To add insult to injury, neither BOEE staff nor board members had mentioned the scheduled recount at the hearing on Friday, October 3 when candidate Silverman was in attendance.

BOEE failed to deliver on September 9. It failed to answer Silverman's September 11 letter regarding the request for a recount, and then failed in its obligation to deliver a thorough, unbiased and prompt recount of the election results. You know the rest of the story. The verdict is still out and BOEE is no worse for wear. Thanks to Councilmember Cheh in spearheading and for her diligence in addressing accountability in District elections. — FBN

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, the NYC Broadway Musical, Saturday Dec. 6

Encore! presents their Holiday Bus Trip Saturday December 6 to NYC for this new Broadway Musical (matinee)



Irving Berlin's "*White Christmas*."

This wonderful movie is now a Broadway musical.

Remember: *Happy Holiday, Love and the Weather, Sisters, Blue Skies, How Deep is the Ocean, I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm, and of course, White Christmas.*

\$260 includes transportation, orchestra

seat, and lunch. The first 20 FBA members that call will receive the *Special FBA rate of \$210*. Residents **must be FBA members** to qualify. **Leave Dec. 6 at 7 am, return 10:30 pm** with a dinner stop (oyo) on return trip.

Call NOW! For information and reservations, call Marilyn Rubin **202.223.1259**.

Other one-day bus trips offered by Encore! include:

Sat. Nov. 1, Hershey, \$115. Includes: transportation, guided tour, lunch at Hershey Hotel and visit to Chocolate World. — FBN

SAVE THE DATE!

**FARMER'S MARKET.
6 TUESDAYS UNTIL MARKET CLOSURES FOR
THE SEASON NOVEMBER 25.**

**TUESDAY 28, 7:30 PM,
FBA MONTHLY MEETING
WARD 2 COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATE DEBATE**
Joy Howell, FBA President will moderate.
Participating in the debate are:
Kwame Brown (Inc. D); Carol Schwartz (Inc. R - running as a write-in); Patrick Mara (R); Michael Brown (I); and Dee Hunter (I).
Parish Hall (Community Room)
ST. STEPHEN MARTYR CHURCH,
25TH AND PA, NW (ENTER FROM 25TH ST)

**NOV 1.
TRIP TO HERSHEY WINTER
WONDERLAND**

ENCORE! is offering a bus tour from FB for residents and their friends to Hershey, PA. It will offer several pick up points in FB, before taking off. The tour will consist of a guided tour of Hershey, with 3 stops of interest. Lunch will be in the elegant Hotel Hershey. Later, a visit to Chocolate World, for treats to delight every chocoholic.
SAT NOV. 1 (7:15am-7pm)
COST: \$115 incl: transp. 3 tours, lunch, all fees and tips. Call IMMEDIATELY.
ENCORE! 202) 223-1259

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20% DISCOUNT

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20% discount off of merchandise;
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2000 Pennsylvania Ave. NW •
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(excludes Exotic Smoothies and Wheatgrass
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Thai Kitchen

2311 M St. NW • 202-452-6090
20% discount off all food (excludes alcohol)

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20% OFF 1ST VISIT LESSER % ON ADDITIONAL VISITS

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202-337-5890
20% discount first, 15% subsequent
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