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**Subject:** Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors endorses Home Rule!

TO ALL DOWNERS GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS:

The Board of Directors of the Downers Grove Chamber of Commerce at their January 27, 2005 meeting, unanimously voted to support the retention of Home Rule Status in the Village of Downers Grove.

The Board's action was taken as a result of a petition filed that would have put the question of Home Rule Status on the April 5, 2005 ballot. "Local solutions to local issues" was the driving factor in the board's decision to support Home Rule.

Home Rule Status enables the Village to be more responsive to local issues, as opposed to placing that responsibility with the General Assembly. Greater control over licensing and the ability to shift the tax burden to non-residents through user fees and taxes, were also factored into the decision.

Two objections to the petition were filed with the Local Election Commission. The hearings for the objections were held after the Board's decision, on Thursday, January 27, 2005. As a result of the ruling on the objections, the issue will not appear on the April 5, 2005 ballot, although this issue could reappear in the future.

The Chamber's Board of Directors' vote was cast in the best interest of the business community that they have been elected to represent. If you have any questions regarding Home Rule, or the action taken by the board, please feel free to contact me, or any of the members of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

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