

Press Release

Bill Askinazi Selected to Attend Maryland High Technology Mission to China

Seven Day Mission to Promote Local Business Trade; Enhance Local Asian-American Ties

Potomac, Maryland, July 26, 2006: The Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development has announced a high level mission to Beijing and Shanghai China in late August to develop trade between Maryland and China. Bill Askinazi, a former Maryland Assistant Secretary of Business and current partner at the Montgomery County law firm of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker has been invited from the private sector as a key member of the 15 member delegation. Bill is the co-chair of the Shulman international business section and plans to conclude agreements among local business and Chinese industry. "China has 30% of the world population, 500 cities with populations of over 1 million people each and great demand for goods and services. Western Montgomery County is 18% Asian-American. They have been underserved for many years. This timely mission will include University leaders, IT owners and government economic developers", Bill stated "our Asian-American citizens will benefit especially by our cultural and commercial exchange." Bill had opened the World Trade Center office in Rockville and helped bring 100,000 new jobs to Maryland from 2002-2005. He is a candidate for Maryland State Senate representing western Montgomery County including Potomac, Darnestown, Germantown, Poolesville, Clarksburg, North Potomac and parts of Gaithersburg.

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