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## **Democrats: SUNY Chancellor Should Review MCC Presidential Search**

**Rochester, New York – March 31, 2008.** Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature released a letter sent to SUNY Chancellor John Clark last Wednesday, March 26.

Democratic Leader Harry Bronson, D-Rochester, Brighton and Henrietta, wrote to Chancellor Clark because of growing concerns in the community about possible political influence in the search process for selecting the next president of Monroe Community College.

Reiterating their call for a meaningful, independent and faculty driven search process, as is required by SUNY Community College Presidential Search Guidelines, Democrats dismissed the idea that the current search be scrapped.

Assistant Minority Leader Carrie Andrews, D-Rochester, said “Recent calls from John Parrinello to abort the current search process are clearly an attempt to confuse the public and delay the appointment of MCC’s next president.”

“I believe the Board of Trustees should proceed with the interview process and do so in a manner that is transparent and inclusive of the entire community,” Andrews added.

Legislator Travis Heider, D-Brighton, said “Our community is growing very concerned about this issue. Having already received several calls from constituents on this topic, I feel compelled to add my voice to those of our community partners demanding politics not play any role in the selection of MCC’s next president. The official search that resulted in two qualified candidates being recommended to the trustees should be adhered too, especially since two trustees were actually sitting on one of those search committees. Simply put, MCC leadership needs to do the right thing and that means selecting a president based on qualifications, not politics.”

Please find a copy of the letter attached.

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