Exhibit C
April 10, 2006

Mr. Jon Pezold
3116 Barclay Street
Baltimore MD 21218

Dear Mr. Pezold:

Enclosed is your Free Speech Permit for the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), being issued for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, which includes a copy of the COMAR Regulations that apply. Please review all of the pages carefully, and then sign on page two of the actual permit.

The dates approved for this permit are Monday, April 10, 2006 and Tuesday, April 11, 2006. The times for both dates are 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm only. The location is for Mondawmin Metro Subway Station only, in locations outlined in the COMAR regulations.

For all future applications, we ask that you allow the required two weeks of lead time from the date of your application, to the requested date for your event. This is to allow processing time for signatures and notifications to involved personnel.

MTA personnel will be made aware of this activity ahead of schedule. Due to possible schedule changes with MTA on-site personnel, it would be helpful if someone in your group keeps a copy of the actual permit with them in case there are any questions or concerns. In addition, my office number is 410-767-8751 if needed.

As discussed, this permit covers only what is stipulated in the body of the permit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pam

Pamela Goins-Watts
Customer Service Officer
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
FREE SPEECH ACTIVITY PERMIT

A permit is hereby issued, pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations Title 11, Subtitle 06.01. to:

Organization: Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)
Address: 16 W. 25th Street
Baltimore MD 21218
Responsible Party: Sierra Leto
Phone: 410-735-3360

The activity authorized by this permit is restricted to the following times and locations:

Dates(s): Monday, April 10, 2006 and Tuesday, April 11, 2006
Times: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location(s): Mondawmin Metro Subway Station

This Permit Expires as of: 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 11, 2006

NO activities may be conducted as follows: 1) In any areas reserved for particular uses, such as restrooms, control rooms, and security facilities, 2) Closer than 20 feet to any escalator, elevator, tracks, emergency exit, stairway, fare gate, kiosk, fare card machine, money changer, information center, main terminal entrance, locations where transit patrons are in line, and bus stop or shelter. The maximum number of persons who may conduct the activities permitted hereunder at one time is indicated on attached forms. Other persons to carry on activities under this permit: Sierra Leto
The activity authorized under this permit will be supervised and conducted by the persons identified above. Only those persons named are authorized by this permit to engage in the activities.

All activity must be conducted in conformity with all federal and state laws and with the time, place, and manner restrictions contained in the Code of Maryland Regulations, COMAR 11.06.01.11. The permit may be cancelled or suspended by the MTA as provided in COMAR 11.06.01.09 and 11.06.01.10. Permitholder, by his/her signature on this permit, acknowledges receipt of COMAR 11.06.01.01-11.06.01.12.

Any persons authorized under this permit to distribute literature of any type shall be physically and financially responsible for the removal and disposal of any material distributed and then rejected or discarded by MTA transit or rail patrons within and upon MTA stations and premises. All literature so discarded shall be promptly removed and the removal controlled so as to keep the premises neat during the activity. It shall be cause to cancel this permit, or to refuse to issue similar permits to this permitholder or for this activity, if the permitholder fails adequately and promptly to remove all discarded literature.

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

By: _______________________________  4/10/06
Glenn Litsinger, Manager, MTA Customer Service  Date

PERMITHOLDER

By: _______________________________  4/10/06
(Name, Title)  Date
APPLICATION FOR FREE SPEECH PERMIT
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PREMISES

This entire application (two pages) must be completed before a permit will be issued. Send completed application to Pam Goins-Watts, MTA Customer Service, 6 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore MD 21202, or fax to 410-333-3289. Please type or print. Separate sheets of paper can be attached if more space is needed.

1. Organization: Acorn

2. Who will supervise and be responsible for proposed activities?
   Full Name: Sierra Lefo
   Address: 16 W 25th St Balto
   Phone: 410.735.3360

3. Number of people who will be engaged in activities while on MTA Property and their full names.
   (1) Jon Pezold
   3114 Berkeley St
   Balt MD 21218
   410.814.1280

   [Signature]
   April 7, 2006

6 Saint Paul Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6806 • TTY(410) 539-3497 • Toll Free 1-866-RIDE-MTA
4. Name of station(s) or stop(s) you desire to use.

- Mondawmin Mall Station
- Mondawmin Metro Subway Station

5. Specific date(s) and time(s) you request to be at station(s) or stop(s).
(Please build in at least two weeks advance notice to allow time to process your application, get the permit signed by both parties, and for notification to MTA personnel)

- April 10 & 11 from 2-6 pm

6. Full description of proposed activity.

- Collect voter registration forms

7. What is the purpose of the proposed activity?

- Register voter

8. Please attach a copy of any handbills, leaflets, circulars, fliers or other materials that will be handed out.

- Voter registration application

(no copy attached)
Chapter 01 Free Speech Activities on Mass Transit Administration Premises

Authority: Transportation Article, §7-204(c), Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Intent.

A. The regulations in this chapter are necessary in order to:

(1) Ensure that persons seeking to exercise constitutional freedom of expression can communicate effectively with users of the Mass Transit Administration (MTA) Rapid Rail Transit (Metro), Central Light Rail, and Maryland Rail Commuter (MARC) Service stations and premises;

(2) Restrict the activities in §A(1) of this regulation to free areas of MTA stations and premises;

(3) Protect transit and rail patrons using MTA stations and premises from repeated communications or encounters which might constitute a captive audience, harassment, or intimidation; and

(4) Ensure the safe, free, and orderly flow of transit patron traffic through MTA stations and premises.

B. A person desiring to engage in activities at any Metro, Light Rail, or MARC station and premises which involve the exercise of constitutional freedoms including, but not limited to, distribution of literature or solicitation of funds for religious purposes shall be protected in those activities in accordance with these regulations, provided that the activities do not:

(1) Constitute commercial activities; and

(2) Result in interference with the transportation function or the safe operations of MTA stations and premises.

.02 Application.

These regulations apply to all persons using Metro, Light Rail, or MARC stations and premises in any manner, whether MTA employ-
.03 Definitions.

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) "Administration" means the Mass Transit Administration of the Department of Transportation established pursuant to Transportation Article, §7-201, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(2) "Administrator" means the Mass Transit Administrator/General Manager, whose office is established pursuant to Transportation Article, §7-202, Annotated Code of Maryland.

(3) "Authorized" means acting under or pursuant to a written contract, permit, or other evidence of right issued by the MTA.

(4) "Bus" means a motor vehicle that is designed and used to carry people, is operated by the MTA on a fixed route and predetermined schedule, or under charter service, or is operated by an authorized private carrier.

(5) "Commercial activity" means any activity undertaken for profit including the sale, provision, advertisement, display of goods or services, exchange, trading, buying, hiring, soliciting, peddling of commodities, goods, money, services, or property of any kind, or any revenue-producing activity.

(6) "Department" means the Maryland Department of Transportation.

(7) "Emergency situation" means those conditions or situations resulting from fire, flood, riot, unusual congested conditions, weather, labor strikes or walkouts, outages of power or public services, catastrophe, emergency security measures, or other causes determined or reasonably apprehended by the Administrator, the MTA Chief of Police, or the MTA Manager of Safety and Risk Management to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of persons on or upon Metro, Light Rail, or MARC stations and premises.

(8) "Free area" means:

(a) That portion of Metro stations and premises open to the general public during regular business hours of Metro operations, but does not include the portion of the station areas beyond or inside the
turnstile or fare gates, areas designed and intended to accommodate safe, speedy, and efficient mass handling of transit patrons;

(b) Those portions of MARC and Light Rail stations and premises open to the general public during regular business hours of MARC or Light Rail operations, but does not include the portion of the station areas within 20 feet on either side of the tracks, areas designed to accommodate safe, speedy, and efficient mass handling of rail patrons; and

(c) For the purpose of free speech activities, any one of those areas numbered and circumscribed in red on the floor plans of the stations available for review and inspection in the office of the Administrator.

(9) "Free speech activity" means any manner of exercising constitutionally guaranteed freedoms of religion, speech, and press.

(10) "Law enforcement officer" means any person vested with a police power of arrest under federal, State, county, or city authority and identifiable by uniform, badge, or other evidence of authority.

(11) "Light Rail" means the Central Light Rail Line owned and operated by MTA in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel County.

(12) "Light Rail stations and premises" means all property owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the MTA in connection with MTA's operation of the Light Rail system in the City of Baltimore, Anne Arundel County, and Baltimore County, and includes all station areas, entrances, platforms, escalators, elevators, stairways, parking lots, bus bays or transfer points, Light Rail vehicles, and other Light Rail facilities in, on, or about the property.

(13) "MARC service" means commuter rail trains operated under contract to MTA by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) on the B&O Brunswick line between Brunswick, Maryland and Washington, D.C. and on the B&O Baltimore line between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C., and by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) on the Amtrak line, Northeast Corridor, between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

(14) "MARC stations and premises" means all property owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the MTA in connection with the provision of MARC service, and includes all station areas, entrances, platforms, plazas, escalators, elevators, stairways, parking lots, bus
bays or transfer points, rapid transit vehicles, and other rapid transit facilities in, on, or about the property.

(15) "MARC train" means a train operated as part of the MARC service consisting of passenger cars owned or leased by MTA.

(16) "Metro" means the rapid rail transit operations of the MTA.

(17) "Metro stations and premises" means all property owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the MTA in connection with its operation of the Metro system in the City of Baltimore, Anne Arundel County, and Baltimore County, and includes all station areas, entrances, platforms, plazas, escalators, elevators, stairways, parking lots, bus bays or transfer points, rapid transit vehicles, and other rapid transit facilities in, on, or about the property.

(18) "MTA" means the Mass Transit Administration.

(19) "MTA" stations and premises" means Metro, Light Rail, or MARC facilities.

(20) "Persons" means any individual, organization, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or joint stock association, and includes any trustee, receiver, committee, assignee, or other representative of them.

(21) "Platform level" means that portion of a MARC or Light Rail station which is at the level of and adjacent to rail tracks, and which is used for boarding, deboarding, and awaiting transit vehicles.

(22) "Rail patron" means an individual in and upon MARC or Light Rail stations and premises for the purpose of using the MTA public transportation service available at that site.

(23) "State" means the State of Maryland.

(24) "Transit patron" means a person in and upon Metro stations and premises for the purpose of using the Metro public transportation service available at that site.

.04 Commercial Activity.

A person may not engage in any commercial activity on the MTA's stations and premises without the approval of, and under terms and conditions prescribed by, the Administrator or the Administrator's designee.
.05 Certain Noncommercial Activities.

A person may not engage in the solicitation of alms, funds, or contributions for the benefit of any charitable, nonprofit, non-constitutionally protected purpose on MTA stations and premises without the approval of, and under the terms and conditions prescribed by, the Administrator or the Administrator's designee.

.06 Free Speech Activities.

A person desiring to exercise constitutional freedoms, including, but not limited to, distribution of literature or soliciting of funds for religious purposes involving the exercise of constitutional freedoms on, in, about, or within the MTA stations and premises shall first obtain a written permit for these from the Administrator or the Administrator's designee. Free speech activities may only be exercised during regular business hours of MTA operations.

.07 Free Speech Activities Request.

For purposes of obtaining a free speech activities permit, there shall be submitted to the Administrator a written request in the form prescribed by the Administrator setting forth at least the following:

A. The full name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person or persons:

   (1) Sponsoring, promoting, or conducting the proposed activities,

   (2) Who will have supervision of and responsibility for the proposed activities,

   (3) Who will be engaged in the proposed activities at the MTA stations and premises;

B. The subject matter of the proposed distribution or communication and the purpose of these;

C. A description of the proposed activities indicating the type of communication to be involved;

D. The dates and hours on and during which the activities are proposed to be carried out and the expected duration of the proposed activities;

E. The number of persons to be engaged in the activities at the MTA stations and premises;

F. The specific free area and station or stations in which the desired activities are planned; and

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G. Whether handbills, leaflets, circulars, or other printed material will be distributed to transit patrons.

.08 Free Speech Activities Permit.

A. Issuance of Permit.

(1) Upon receipt of an application containing information as described in Regulation .07 of this chapter, the Administrator or the Administrator's designee shall immediately issue a permit to the applicant, applying only the limitations set forth in this chapter and applicable federal and State laws and constitutions. The Administrator or the Administrator's designee may not exercise judgment regarding the purpose or content of the proposed free speech activity and may not exercise discretion over the issuance of a permit, except as provided in this chapter.

(2) The issuance of a permit by the Administrator or the Administrator's designee under this section shall be a routine clerical and mandatory function.

B. Permits and the free area requested shall be granted on a "first come, first served" basis.

C. Permits are not transferable.

D. Each permit shall authorize the holder to conduct activities described in the request application for a period not to exceed 48 hours.

E. Permits may not be extended or renewed. After the expiration of the permit, a new permit may be issued to the former permit holder on submission of a new application, subject to the provisions of §B of this regulation. In such a case, applicants may be permitted to incorporate by reference any required documentation filed with a previous application.

F. Each permit shall specify the free area and station or stations in which the activities described in the request application may be conducted by the permittee.

G. To ensure the free and orderly functioning of the MTA stations and premises, permits shall only be issued for the following free areas up to the maximum number per day and for the corresponding number of persons for each general area as listed below:

(1) Charles Center Metro:

(a) East Entrance Plaza—4 spaces of 4 persons each,
(b) Interior—4 spaces of 3 persons each, 3 spaces of 6 persons each;

(2) Lexington Market Metro:
   (a) Northeast Entrance Plaza—1 space of 8 persons,
   (b) Southeast Entrance Plaza—1 space of 5 persons, 3 spaces of 8 persons each, 1 space of 6 persons, 1 space of 10 persons;
   (c) Interior—4 spaces of 3 persons each, 4 spaces of 2 persons each;

(3) State Center Metro Interior—2 spaces of 2 persons each, 2 spaces of 4 persons each;

(4) Upton Metro:
   (a) East Entrance Plaza—4 spaces of 3 persons each,
   (b) Interior—1 space of 2 persons, 1 space of 3 persons;

(5) Penn-North Metro:
   (a) East Entrance Plaza—4 spaces of 12 persons each, 1 space of 8 persons,
   (b) West Entrance Plaza—2 spaces of 6 persons each,
   (c) Interior—2 spaces of 2 persons each;

(6) Mondawmin Metro:
   (a) Entrance Plaza—1 space of 3 persons, 1 space of 8 persons, 1 space of 12 persons,
   (b) Interior—1 space of 4 persons;

(7) West Cold Spring Lane Metro:
   (a) Bus Bay Area—3 spaces of 6 persons each, 1 space of 4 persons,
   (b) Exterior Free Area—1 space of 2 persons;

(8) Rogers Avenue Metro:
   (a) Near Parking Lot—1 space of 8 persons,
   (b) Bus Bay Area—3 spaces of 6 persons each, 1 space of 5 persons,
   (c) Exterior Free Area—1 space of 4 persons;

(9) Reisterstown Plaza Metro:
   (a) Near Parking Lot—1 space of 2 persons,
(b) Bus Bay Area—3 spaces of 6 persons each;
(10) Each Light Rail station—2 spaces of 3 persons each;
(11) Each MARC station—2 spaces of 3 persons each.

H. Only one permit may be granted to a person, per station, per application.

I. Disposal of Materials.

(1) Each permit shall require that the person or persons distributing handbills, leaflets, circulars, or other printed material be physically and financially responsible for the removal and disposal from MTA stations and premises of any of these materials rejected or discarded by MTA transit or rail patrons within and upon MTA stations and premises.

(2) The failure of a permit holder to remove all discarded printed material that the permit holder brought onto the premises for distribution from MTA stations and facilities may be grounds for the refusal to grant future permit requests.

.09 Denial, Refusal, and Cancellation.

A. An application shall be denied and refused, and a permit cancelled, if one or more of the following reasons exist:

(1) One or more of the statements in the application is not true;
(2) The applicant has not furnished all the information required;
(3) The quota for all permits has been filled for the time and place requested in the application;
(4) The number of persons originally designated by the applicant to be engaged at any time in the free speech activities exceeds the published quota for the respective designated free area;
(5) The proposed activity interferes with a previously issued permit or scheduled event;
(6) Submission of an application does not reasonably permit timely review by the Administrator or the Administrator's designee;
(7) The applicant does not sign the form or permit;
(8) A breach or violation of these regulations or the terms and conditions of a permit occurs;
(9) At any one time, more persons are engaged in free speech activities than first authorized by the permit; or
(10) The applicant has, during activities permitted under a previous permit, failed to remove all discarded printed materials that the permit holder brought onto the premises for distribution from MTA stations and premises.

B. If an application is denied, the MTA shall, within 5 working days following the denial, apply to the Circuit Court of Baltimore City for a judicial determination as to whether the proposed activities described in the application may be prohibited, naming the applicant as a party defendant. Notice of the application to the Court shall be immediately sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the person or organization making the permit application. The MTA shall, in the petition application, request that the issue be heard on its merits without delay and as soon as legally possible.

C. The procedural safeguards of §B of this regulation only apply to persons filing applications to exercise free speech activities, including, but not limited to, distribution of literature or solicitation of funds for religious purposes. Section B does not apply to the denial of an application based upon the grounds described in §A of this regulation.

.10 Emergencies.

The Administrator or the Administrator's designee may declare an emergency. In this case, an announcement shall be made. All permit holders shall immediately cease free speech activities, including the distribution of literature and solicitation of funds for religious purposes, for the duration of the emergency.

.11 Time, Place, and Manner.

A. Free speech activities shall be conducted:

(1) Only in a conversational tone and during the regular business hours of the MTA stations and premises;

(2) Strictly in conformity with the terms and conditions of these regulations and the permit issued by the Administrator or the Administrator's designee; and

(3) Only in or upon those MTA stations and premises which are free areas.

B. Free speech activities may not be conducted:

(1) Beyond the turnstiles or fare gate positions for arriving and departing transit patrons;
(2) In any areas reserved for particular uses, such as restrooms, control rooms, and security facilities;

(3) Closer than 20 feet to any escalator, elevator, tracks, emergency exit, stairway, fare gate, kiosk, farecard machine, money changer, information center, main terminal entrance, locations where transit patrons are in line, and bus stop or shelter; or

(4) On the platform level of an MTA station.

C. In conducting free speech activities, a person may not:

(1) In any way obstruct, delay, or interfere with the free movements of any other person or seek to coerce, or physically disturb any other person;

(2) Use any sound or voice amplifying apparatus on the premises;

(3) Conduct any activities in a misleading or fraudulent manner;

(4) Erect a table, chair, booth, or other structure;

(5) Intentionally touch or make physical contact with another person unless that other person has consented to physical contact;

(6) Repeatedly attempt to distribute written or printed matter to, or to solicit funds from, another person when that other person has indicated to the solicitor that he or she does not wish to accept any matter or to make a donation.

D. A permittee shall, upon request of an MTA employee or law enforcement officer, display the permit or show evidence that the permit was granted.

E. Unattended distribution of handbills, leaflets, circulars, or other printed material is prohibited.

.12 Commercial Speech—Vending Machines.

The following guidelines apply to the sale and distribution of printed matter to the general public from vending machines located upon MTA station or stations and premises:

A. A person may not engage in a sale without the prior approval of, and being subject to the terms and conditions prescribed by, the Administrator.

B. A person desiring to place and operate a vending machine for the sale and distribution of printed material to the general public upon MTA stations and premises shall first obtain a written permit from the Administrator or his designee.
C. Permit applications shall be approved on a "first come, first served" basis. The number of permits at any station entrance shall be governed by the area deemed available by the Administrator or the Administrator's designee to accommodate the vending machines, yet preserve the safe, free, and orderly flow of transit and rail patrons' ingress and egress at the MTA station entrances and exits. Vending machines shall be located where designated by the Administrator or the Administrator's designee.

D. Chaining or anchoring of any vending machines to MTA station facilities is not permitted.

E. Vending machines may display signs pertaining only to the publication and may not carry any other advertising messages.

F. To assure maximum use of the available station entrance areas for commercial speech vending machine permits, vending machines shall be not larger than absolutely necessary to accommodate the printed matter to be sold and distributed.

G. Permits shall require that all wrappings, bindings, and similar materials peculiar to the vending operation be collected and removed by the person carrying out the vending activity.

H. Permits shall require that vending machines be kept and maintained in a neat and clean condition by the permittee.

I. Permits may be revoked for noncompliance with or any violation of this regulation.

J. MTA assumes no liability or responsibility of any nature for damage, destruction, loss, or theft of the vending machines, including the contents of them.

K. Permits, to be valid, shall be:
   
   (1) Signed by the permittee and the MTA;

   (2) On a month-to-month basis, subject to cancellation or revocation, upon cause and written notice.

Administrative History

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