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## Chairman's Message



How many times in a lifetime do we get a chance to witness inductive transformation? I remember sitting by the TV at home in the living room watching Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin take the first steps on the Moon. I was captivated with the possibilities, yet in the back of my mind somewhat amazed with how my parents and their peers talked as if we had reached the top of the limit of possibilities. I'm careful now in my characterization of the results of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. It is not that we as a country have reached another level; it is more that we as a country can now begin to hope and dream for that which we cannot see.

I'm so proud to be an American. We all are party to all of the wonderful stories about first time voters over 90, or entire families or communities mobilizing to vote despite past family prejudice. We have in this country transcended racism and come together to embody the truth and love that each of us keep sacred despite the daily politics of greed.

The Council is on our own journey to redefine how we can best serve our market. We embark on notions of joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, and creative government procurement, supported by private and public stakeholder partnerships. We must seize the day and reach way beyond normal. Now is our hour of greatness and I applaud each of you who are deeply moved by this new paradigm shift. Don't wait and see what is going to happen. Let's just make it happen both for our families and for our future.

With great faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Cureton".

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