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## **O'Malley Receives Key Howard County Endorsements** *Local Elected Officials, Community Activists Come Forward To Support O'Malley*

**COLUMBIA, MD (October 26, 2005)** – Today, Martin O'Malley's gubernatorial campaign received endorsements from a dominant showing of elected leaders and community activists in Howard County, the sixth-largest county in the state, and one of the key battlegrounds in this election.

"Howard County is a growing, dynamic part of our state, and I'm encouraged to see the county's elected officials stepping forward this early to support our campaign to move Maryland forward," said Mayor O'Malley. "I'm excited by the organization we are putting together in this critical battleground."

The following Howard County leaders endorsed O'Malley in his run for Governor: State's Attorney Tim McCrone; Delegates Shane Pendergrass, Neil Quinter and Frank Turner; Howard County Council Members Guy Guzzone and Ken Ulman; Columbia Council Member Josh Feldmark; Ellicott City Democratic Club President Tony McGuffin; community activist Patricia Rouse; and Vernon Gray, former chair of the Howard County Council and former president of the Maryland Association of Counties.

The endorsement took place in front of the nationally-lauded Howard County Library, which recently received top rankings from Hennen's American Public Library Ratings.

O'Malley's momentum has remained high through the campaign, as he receives early endorsements from influential groups. In addition to this endorsement in Howard County, O'Malley has received endorsements from 1199 SEIU United Health Care Workers East and a dozen local elected officials from the Lower Eastern Shore. In addition, during his Post-Announcement Tour, O'Malley received endorsements from Frederic County Delegate Galen Clagett, Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer, and State's Attorney for Queen Anne's County Frank M. Kratovil.

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