December 18, 2008

The Honorable Rod Blagojevich
Governor, State of Illinois
James R. Thompson Center, 16th Floor
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Governor Blagojevich:

At a special meeting convened on December 16, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Union League Club of Chicago adopted a resolution urging you to resign your office immediately. I am forwarding to you the enclosed copy of said resolution, which sets forth the reasons why we urge you to resign for the benefit of our state.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Nina Owen
President

Enclosure
RESOLUTION

Whereas,

The Union League Club of Chicago has from its inception stood for integrity in government; and

Whereas,

The people of the State of Illinois face the worst economic crisis in 75 years, as well as numerous complex matters involving state government; and

Whereas,

Statements in the attached Affidavit in support of Criminal Complaint, United States of America v. Rod R. Blagojevich, and John Harris, allege actions by Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, including notably schemes to “obtain personal gain, including financial gain, for the benefit of [the Governor],” by attempting to “sell” the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama, that so shock the conscience that – even accounting for the Governor’s entitlement to a presumption of innocence – clearly indicate the Governor will be pre-occupied with the very serious federal charges leveled against him for the foreseeable future; and

Whereas,

Such a pre-occupation will inevitably deny the People of the State of Illinois their right to the undivided attention of their elected Governor, as he seeks to defend himself from the distressing allegations; and

Whereas,

The recorded statements made by the Governor, regardless of whether they constitute criminal conduct, have discredited his office and have prevented him from exercising the leadership necessary to govern this State,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Union League Club of Chicago calls upon Illinois Governor Rod R. Blagojevich to relinquish and resign the office of Governor of the State of Illinois forthwith.

Adopted December 16, 2008 by the Board of Directors.

Nina Owen
President

James S. Barber
Secretary