

2015: MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR



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Indianapolis and Unigov

As we begin to focus in this space on the race for Mayor and other elected offices in Indianapolis this year, we pause to take a look back on the City's unique government structure called "Unigov".

Toward the end of the 1960's, a diminishing tax base and a deteriorating downtown prompted Indianapolis civic leaders to push for measures that would revive the city. In 1970, the Indiana General Assembly adopted legislation providing for the consolidation of the governments of Indianapolis and Marion County. The resulting entity was coined "Unigov" and instantly vaulted the city's population into the nation's 11th largest. But Unigov was not a comprehensive merger. The Mayor of Indianapolis, Dick Lugar, at the time (later to become U. S. Senator) became the Mayor of Marion County as well, with the City-County Council serving as a single legislative body with 29 members. Nonetheless, a number of services including law enforcement, fire departments, school systems, and assessment were not combined.

Additionally, the communities of Lawrence, Beech Grove, Speedway, Southport, and Homcroft retained autonomy, although represented in the City-County Council and their residents could vote for Mayor of Indianapolis. Moreover, the counties townships remained intact.

Unigov was and still is a very unique local governmental approach. In the same era, only Indianapolis, Nashville Tennessee, and Jacksonville Florida underwent such an initiative. These major U. S. cities served as a model for the consolidation in more recent of Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky. After Unigov, a number of American cities from Albuquerque New Mexico to Kalamazoo Michigan undertook consolidation initiatives that were not successful.

Unigov is credited for having resuscitated Indianapolis and secured its national reputation. It laid the foundation for the city's AAA bond-rating and the acquisition of an NFL franchise. However, critics of the measure at the time claimed that it was a Republican power grab to maintain political control of Indianapolis.

In 2004, Democratic Mayor Bart Peterson proposed a subsequent consolidation called "Indianapolis Works" as an extension of the work of the streamlining begun by Unigov in 1970. It called for dissolving of all Marion County townships and consolidation

of many other services. Ultimately, the Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation calling only for a combined metropolitan police force effective in January 2007. Consolidations in other departments continue to be gradually incorporated.

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Next edition in this space we will bring you a complete wrap up of May 5 primary election results and a look ahead.

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第安纳波利斯和它的合一政府 (Unigov)

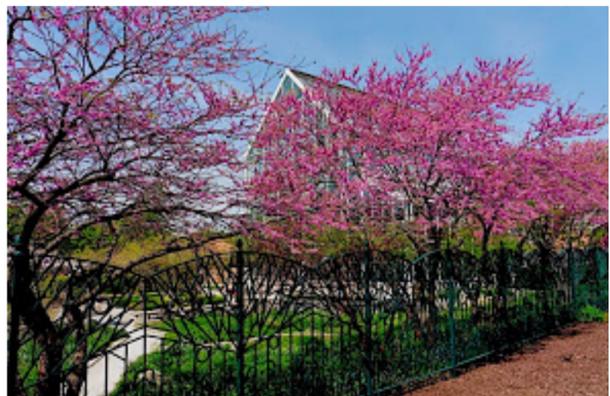
在我们开始关注今年的第安纳波利斯市长竞选的同时,不妨暂停重温一下我们被称之为合一政府 (unigov) 独特的治理结构。追溯到1960年末,一个递减的税基和日益恶化的市中心,促使印第安纳波利斯市政府领导采取措施重振城市。1970年,印第安纳大会通过了合并印第安纳波利斯政府和马里恩县政府的立法规定。由此产生的合一政府 "Unigov", 瞬间一跃使得城市的人口居全美第11位。但合一政府 (Unigov) 并非全方位合并。迪克·卢格, 当时的印第安纳波利斯市市长及马里恩县的市长 (后来成为美国参议员), 以及市郡议会的29个成员组成了当时的一个立法机构。管理执法, 消防部门, 学校系统等。此外, 一些没有合并的县仍可参加市郡议会, 市民可以投票选举印第安纳波利斯市市长。合一政府 (Unigov), 在当时以及现在都是一个非常独特地方的政府的管理方式。在同一个时代, 相继有六个州县采取同样的模式并取得了成功。在此之后的一些州县没有得到成功的整合计划。

合一政府 (Unigov) 因复苏印第安纳波利斯和保护其国家声誉而受到好评。它为城市的AAA级债券评级, 以及收购NFL特许经营奠定了基础。然而, 当时的批评家指责这是共和党夺权控制印第安纳波利斯的政治手段。2004年, 民主党市长巴特·彼得森推出了被称为 "印第安纳波利斯工程" 后续的综合方案, 精简合一政府 (Unigov) 在1970年开始的工作。要求解散所有马里恩县乡镇和整合的多项服务。最终, 印第安纳大会制定的法律仅适用于合并大城市的警察部门, 余2007年1月生效。其他的合并工作还在逐一推进。



IACA HIKING CLUB

IACA Hiking club headed by Dr. Benny Ko enjoyed a Spring Hike @ White River Trail Downtown Indy Sunday 5/3/15. Stay connected with IAAT for announcement of next Hiking Event.



MOTHER

"As a mother, even at the risk of her own life, loves and protects her child, so let a man cultivate love without measure toward the whole world." ~Buddha



Mother is a symbol of unconditional love, care, commitment, sacrifice and service; she is most dedicated and altruistic. Mother teaches a child the way to nurture and love; to be empathic and sympathetic to his fellow human beings. She is the first teacher responsible for instilling moral values, piety and virtue into her child's mind. She is also the first language instructor for her child. She embraces and espouses their dreams. Nonetheless, her boundaries and disciplines make him a better educated individual and trouble free. She teaches him to be a functioning adult making through the modern world and contributing to the society. George Herbert once said, "A good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters."

Mother is the first nurse to tend to her child's illness. She reassures and soothes her child's fears. She watches over her child and treasures him. She is forgiving for any mistakes or blunders committed by her child. "The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness," wrote Honoré de Balzac. A mother's compassionate love is made of strongest devotion, sacrifice and pain; it is ceaseless, boundless and enduring. She puts her family needs above all. She is the pillar of the family, providing emotional and moral supports and shelters her child from being hurt. A mother's job is most challenging and most rewarding as well; it is, in fact, a full time job. She spends her life in caring, nurturing, and loving her children. The love, care and affection as well as admiration of a mother towards her children are immeasurable. She is always there for her child; this is the most significant role of mothering. 老母一百歲, 常念八十兒。

The first human touch of a baby is a mother's touch. Professor Ann Bigelow states that skin-to-skin contact with babies is significant for their development especially in the newborn period. Bonding between mother and baby, a biological need, is utterly important. Bonding translates into love and absenteeism of fear; it generates connection and safety. It permits the baby to acquire its initial sensory contact relationship with others and feel the world as a friendly place. Researchers found that children who did not have plentiful physical and emotional attention were at risk for emotional, behavioral and social problems when they grow up.

Gabriella Conti, PhD wrote, "The lack of a secure attachment relationship in the early years has detrimental consequences for both physical and mental health later in life." Professor James Heckman noted, "...early life conditions critically affect adult health.



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Maternal attachment plays a fundamental role in shaping who we are; remove it and the harm is great." According to La Leche League International, "A child's early years hold the clues to his future behavior as an adult. Society stands to gain or lose, depending on the soundness of mother-baby attachment." The research of Psychiatry Professor Joan Luby, MD, Washington University revealed that nurturing a child early in life may help him or her develop a larger hippocampus, the brain region significant for learning, memory and stress responses.

Mother's Day, celebrated on the second Sunday in May, is a day when children of all ages who are grateful for what their mothers have done for them take the opportunity to express their love, gratitude, appreciation and acknowledgement of their mothers' contribution in their lives. Throughout history, there are many validated reports depicting mothers' love and sacrifices in the upbringing and protection of their children from harm. For instance, the mother of Mencius 孟子 resolutely relocated their home three times to assure that her son grew up in a neighborhood that appreciated and respected scholarly teachings. A famous Chinese poem portraying motherly love:

游子吟
慈母手中線 遊子身上衣 臨行密密縫 意恐遲遲歸 誰知寸草心 報得三春輝

A Traveler's Song
Needle and thread are held in the mother's fingers,
Weaving a new garment for her son the traveler.
She keeps sewing and stitching without hinder,
Worrying he may delay coming home and wander.
Her son's filial piety is thin as a tiny piece of hay,
Can't repay her love that's warm as the spring sun's rays.

韓愈: 白頭老母遮門啼, 挽斷衫袖留不止。

ASIAN CONSUL GENERALS VISIT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis is becoming an attractive market for international markets. In April, several Consular Generals, including from Indonesia and Japan visited Mayor Ballard to share information on how Indy can strengthen collaborations in trade, culture and education with these markets.



Mayor Ballard and Consul General of Indonesia in Chicago, Mr. Andriana Supandy



Ms. Theresa Kulczak, Executive Director, Japan-America Society of Indiana, Consul General Office Staff Representative, Jane Gehlhausen, Director, Int'l Affairs, Mayor's Office, Consul General of Japan in Chicago, Toshiyuki Iwado, Mayor Ballard, Mr. Pawel Fludzinski, Honorary Consul of Japan in Indiana and Ms. Melanie Hart, President Japan-America Society of Indiana (President, Tsuchiya Group North America)

GOVERNOR PENCE ECONOMICS DEVELOPMENT MISSION



Governor Mike Pence will lead a delegation of Hoosier business leaders to China this month on his sixth international jobs and economic development mission as governor.

"Indiana plays a critical role in the global economy, with thousands of Hoosiers across our state going to work daily at international companies," said Pence. "China represents the largest economy in the world. Today we see immense potential for the creation of more great jobs for Hoosiers through the strengthening of ties with our Chinese partners. Our universities and our communities already boast a thriving friendship with China, and we're looking forward to strengthening this relationship on our jobs mission."

Departing Indiana on May 9 and returning on May 16, the Governor will travel to Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou, the capital city of Zhejiang Province, Indiana's Chinese sister-state. During the trip, he will

meet with top executives from numerous Chinese companies, government leaders and potential investors, as well as host a reception in partnership with the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and a reception bringing together alumni from Indiana universities in Shanghai. Additionally, Pence plans to visit Indiana companies with operations in China, including Eli Lilly and Cummins, as well as China-based Haier Group, which last fall announced plans to locate its North American Tech Center in Evansville.

ACSI Board of Directors Chairwoman, Ting Gootee, will accompany Governor Pence on his delegation.



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