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(Note: Fact Sheet on Divestment enclosed.)

DIVESTMENT COALITION CALLS FOR
JANUARY 14th VETO OVERRIDE

The New Castle County Coalition for Divestment from South Africa will hold a candlelight vigil Tuesday, January 14th, at 7 p.m. outside the City-County building prior to the 8 p.m. session of the County Council. Divestment supporters will be calling on the County Council to override County Executive Rita Justicer's veto of the Divestment Ordinance passed by Council in a 4-3 vote on December 17, 1985.

Larry Morris, a spokesperson for the Divestment Coalition and President of the Wilmington chapter of the NAACP stated: "The case for divestment is overwhelming: black South African religious, community and trade union leaders have called for divestment and economic sanctions as an essential pressure on the white minority regime; and, across America, states and localities, universities, religious institutions, trade unions and other associations are divesting their pension and endowment funds with no long-term cost to their investment portfolios."

The county Divestment Coalition plans to work for full divestment
of the county's Pension Fund whether or not the County Council votes on January 14th to override Justice's veto.

"Until South Africa is free from the racial and economic tyranny of Apartheid, we will work for divestment and other effective strategies at the local, state, national and international level," stated Craig Stevens, another Coalition spokesperson and staff for Pacem in Terris, the Wilmington based peace and justice organization.

The New Castle County Coalition for Divestment from South Africa is made up of local organizations and individuals, including: the NAACP, Wilmington Chapter; Pacem in Terris; Hispanic Coalition of Del; Rev. Robert Moore, Executive Presbyter, New Castle Presbytery; Right Rev. Quinton Primo, interim Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Delaware; Edward Peterson, President Delaware AFL-CIO; Local 1884, International Longshoreman's Association; Arthur Boswell, Director, Peoples Settlement; the Community Coalition for a Fair Budget; NISAA.

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