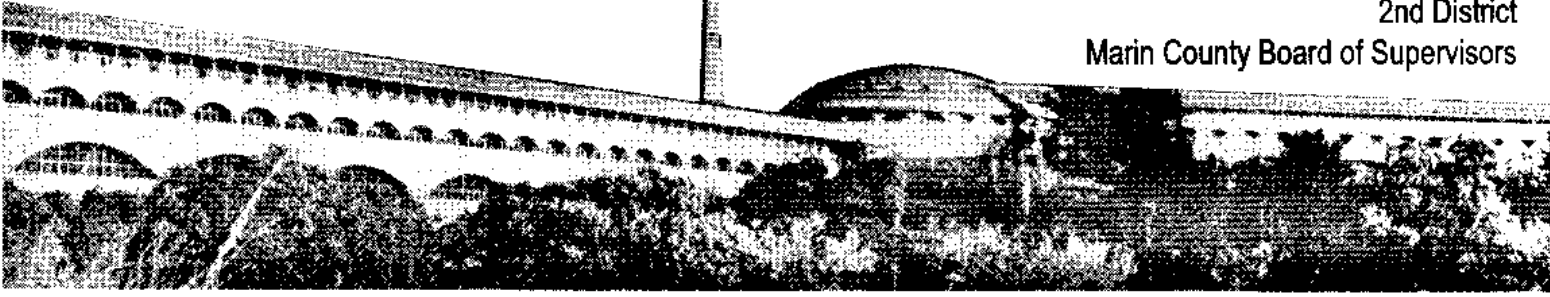


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**Dear Mr. Connolly,**

**The application of Public Talks has the potential to dispel the public's distrust of the political process. It is as Thomas Jefferson said, 'I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves.'**

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