

First Night Press Conference  
Friday, December 1, 2000  
10:00 a.m.  
One Jackson Place Plaza

**Talking Points**

- Thank you James
- It has been my pleasure to co-chair First Night with James
- I am very excited about First Night because it is a true community celebration
- Over the past year, many organizations and corporations have come together to continue this new tradition of ringing in the New Year
- My family and I are excited to be able to welcome other families to our neighborhood to celebrate New Year's Eve in an alcohol-free, safe environment which also features the performing and visual arts.
- I would like to thank all of the sponsors, volunteers and staff for making an event like

First Night possible, and I encourage everyone to attend

- At this time, I'd like to turn the program back over to James Threadgill