

## **A.J. NINO AMATO**

Nino has been a tireless worker and warrior for the Madison community. He is a native Madisonian and is immensely proud of it. And while Nino is as enthusiastic about Madison's history, achievements and culture as are others, he is very realistic about Madison's deficits and challenges.

A man not given to idle complaining, Nino is a gyroscope. He moves on multiple fronts simultaneously and effectively. Nino is one of a very few Madisonians who is highly regarded in both the business and the civil rights communities. He is viewed by those who know him as authentic, dedicated and driven, especially in improving race relations in the Madison area.

The yeoman's work he did in chairing the Mayor's Task Force on Race Relations and the subsequent unanimous Common Council approval of the Task Force's recommendations are prime examples of Nino's will and skills. Formidable obstacles, notwithstanding, failure to produce solid and timely recommendations was not an option. Nino, worked tirelessly with a few others to transform what could have been a debacle into a resounding success for the City. Currently, among other priorities, he is serving as the banquet co-chairperson for the Madison Branch of the NAACP.