



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MAYORAL CANDIDATE TOM BARROW CALLS  
JAMES BARREN'S FIRING AND WARREN CLEAGE EVANS' HIRING  
PURE POLITICS AND AN INSULT TO DETROITERS**

DETROIT. July 6, 2009—Mayoral Candidate Tom Barrow today criticized Interim Mayor Bing's change at the top of the Detroit Police Department as yet another lie to the voters of Detroit.

"Bing is shamelessly misleading the voters of Detroit again with more of the same incestuous hiring found in the Kwame Kilpatrick administration," said Barrow. "During the campaign, Bing promised to keep the well-respected James Barren in his job. He went back on his word and fired him last Friday. This bumbling move throws Detroit's Police Department into disarray and today he brings in a less-experienced Warren Evans. He sold us a wooden nickel."

"This is unvarnished politics," said Barrow. "Evans is the nephew of the late Bishop Albert Cleage, a powerful influence behind the Shrine of the Black Madonna and the politically connected "Black Slate." Evans' daughter, Nikki, and ex-wife, Ella Bully-Cummings, both worked for Kilpatrick. Evans is no change at all. This is the ugly politics Detroiters don't want. We are fed up and our citizens deserve much more."

-more-

Police Department/p.2

"In my discussions with the police officers, the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA) and the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association, I know of the great respect they had for Chief Barren and the effect he had on morale," stated Barrow. "I promised them that we will rebuild our police force; require residency for all future hires and that we will utilize the most up-to-date technology to combat crime. We need a permanent Mayor with permanent solutions to crime and stop the bloodletting of our own police department," he concluded.

"My number one area of concern for our City is safety. Barren was doing a great job. He vastly improved morale and was in the process of organizing the Detroit Police Department so police could respond to our citizens," said Barrow. "He should have been allowed to complete the job."

Barrow has called for the hiring of 350 new police officers and leasing 150 new state-of-the-art squad cars. He has also announced plans to create 200 new "one man-safe run" cars for use in the neighborhoods through out the city. Safe cars will respond to routine non-threatening calls for a police officer's presence and arrive at a call within minutes....not hours.

For more details on Barrow's plans for Detroit, visit his Web site at [www.anewvisonfordetroit.com](http://www.anewvisonfordetroit.com) or telephone 9-BARROW.

#### **ABOUT TOM BARROW**

A lifelong Detroiter, Barrow, 60, graduated from Detroit's Annunciation Catholic High School in 1967 and Wayne State University in 1971 with a degree in accounting. He is a former certified public accountant who received his masters of business administration degree from Wayne State University in 1979. He runs his accounting practice and participates in his Detroit family businesses with his brother and sister. Barrow is married and lives on Detroit's east side with his wife, teenage daughter and nine-year-old son.

###

MEDIA CONTACT: Colleen Robar, 313-207-5960, [crobar231@aol.com](mailto:crobar231@aol.com)