

# **TOM BARROW**



**for Mayor**

The Change We Need... The Strength to Lead

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### **BARROW ENDORSED BY EASTSIDE COMMUNITY SLATE**

*Prestigious Group Has Backed Winners in Every General Election for Decades*

**DETROIT. October 5, 2009** --- At a press conference this morning, the well-respected and prestigious **Eastside Community Slate** announced that Mayoral Candidate Tom Barrow is their choice for Mayor in the upcoming November 3 general election.

The Slate also rescinded their previous primary endorsement of Interim Mayor Bing because they do not like his style of leadership. "Mayor Bing has snubbed the city of Detroit and openly disrespects its people," said Lamar Lemmons, III, one of the leaders of the Eastside Community Slate. "He has no sense of community. He won't come out and he refuses to debate issues affecting the community. We believe that a real Detroit Mayor should never hide. That is unacceptable."

"Tom Barrow is one of us," added Lemmons. "He was born and raised in Detroit and has always lived on the east side with his wife and family. He understands what it will take to bring our city back. A financial expert, Mr. Barrow understands that Detroit is a municipality, not a business. Unlike Mr. Bing, Tom Barrow will negotiate in good faith and find solutions that make sense for our city, its unions, its businesses, and most importantly, its residents."

In recent weeks, Barrow has been endorsed by AFL-CIO, the Coalition of Labor Organizations (COOL), AFSCME and ATU, the bus drivers union.

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Founded in 1982, the Eastside Community Slate has endorsed the winner in every mayoral primary and general election, including Coleman Young, Dennis Archer, Kwame Kilpatrick and Dave Bing.

“It is my time,” said Barrow. “Our absentee voters are already marking their ballots and in less than a month, Election Day will be here. I am the change we need and have the strength to lead our city.”

“Unlike Mr. Bing, who has turned everything over to Charles Beckham and Norm White so he can go home to Franklin at night, I will be a leader who personally makes the right choices to balance our city’s budget, create safe streets, inspire our residents and grow our city, not shrink it. Detroit deserves an energetic and engaged leader that understands the issues and one who will both be among and work with its people.”

For more details on Barrow’s platform, visit [TomBarrowforMayor.com](http://TomBarrowforMayor.com).

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