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BING PAYING SUBURBAN CAR INSURANCE RATES?

State Whistle-blower Tells Barrow Staff of Insurance Fraud

DETROIT. October 29, 2009 --- Mayoral candidate Tom Barrow learned today that Republican Interim Mayor Dave Bing may have moved his residence to Detroit to run for office, but his car insurance did not follow him, according to a whistle-blower in the Michigan Secretary of State's office.

"If this is in fact true, then Bing needs to confirm or deny this accusation and register his vehicles properly immediately," said Barrow. "Two in five Detroiters cannot afford a vehicle due in part to the high insurance rates we have to pay, and this mayor must bear this burden along with the people he claims to represent."

The state employee whistle-blower, whose position was verified by Barrow staffers, was promised anonymity due to fear of retaliation.

"Since Bing has claimed ethics reform as one of his major accomplishments during his brief tenure in office, these kinds of missteps point to his character and his ability to relate to Detroiters," declared Barrow.

"His six-month probation period ends on November 3 and he will not be rehired," declared Barrow.

"The pile keeps growing; first with his mistruths about his having an MBA which he never had; then telling the public that he was only being paid \$1 when he has been drawing full salary and fringe benefits all along; his repeated claim that he would be a one-term mayor which

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he now announces that he never said; his claims that he never called for cutting bus service on Sundays when it was announced at each public hearing. This demands scrutiny in these last days before we elect a full-term Mayor,” Barrow stated.

“Voters will make their final evaluation of the city’s top employee on Tuesday, so he must answer these pertinent questions immediately since they point to his credibility and commitment to Detroiters,” Barrow concluded.

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