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**BARROW CAMPAIGN REPORTS BING
YARD SIGN VIOLATIONS**

Police Chief Evans Required To Act Under City Ordinance, 3-1

DETROIT. (July 31, 2009) ----- Tom Barrow's Campaign Manager Geoffrey L. Garfield today sent a letter to Detroit Police Chief Evans to blow the whistle on a major ordinance violation by the Bing for Mayor Campaign. They have posted hundreds of campaign yard signs in the public medians of Outer Drive from I-75 to Seven Mile in violation of City Ordinance 3-1-1(a); 3-1-1(b) and 3-1-1(c).

"Mr. Bing again disrespects the people of Detroit by trashing our streets. His campaign openly violates our city ordinances and destroys the beauty of the neighborhoods," said Garfield.

Upon hearing of the violation, Mayoral Candidate Tom Barrow called upon the Bing campaign to apologize. "This is both shameful and completely disrespects the people of Detroit. Mr. Bing should immediately apologize," he said.

"My yard signs are proudly displayed on the front lawns of my supporters as they should be under the law," said Barrow.

The primary election for Mayor of the City of Detroit is August 4.

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The letter, which was e-mailed to Evans and carbon copied to Bing Campaign Manager Eddie McDonald, read:

Dear Chief Evans:

As evidenced by the attached photographs, please accept this letter as a formal complaint to make you aware of a flagrant violation of our city's ordinance against the posting of election signs on public property.

The Bing for Mayor campaign has posted hundreds of signs in the public areas up and down Outer Drive from Seven Mile to I-75 and on the West side also along Outer Drive. As you know, because they are on public property, they violate City Ordinance Sec. 3-1-1 (a-c), all of which expressly prohibit such postings. As you know, each violation carries a \$500 fine and 90- day jail term for each sign.

A copy of the ordinance is attached for your information. I demand that you take action against this flagrant ordinance violation immediately.

Cordially,

Geoffrey L. Garfield
Campaign Manager
Tom Barrow for Mayor

The Barrow for Mayor Campaign Web site is www.aNewVisionForDetroit.com and can be reached at 313-9-BARROW (313-922-7769).

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Additional photos available. Sample attached.