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## **AFSCME Withdraws Endorsement of Bing**

*Detroit MI September 10, 2009* -- Albert Garrett, President of Michigan Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), AFL-CIO, issued the following statement:

“AFSCME will hold a news conference on Friday, September 11, 2009, at 11:30 AM, at 600 West Lafayette Blvd., Detroit MI 48226,” Garrett announced.

“AFSCME is withdrawing its endorsement of Dave Bing for Detroit Mayor, effective immediately,” stated Garrett. “Like the voters, we were misled by his campaign rhetoric. Dave Bing is a new mayor with nothing to offer but old ideas.

“Bing’s ideas of solutions for the city’s current fiscal crisis are destructive,” continued Garrett. “He wants to reduce transportation, particularly early in the morning. This will hurt working families by making it more difficult and more expensive to get to work.

“He has revived the idea of privatizing tax collection, even after the disastrous experiment under Kwame Kilpatrick,” Garrett pointed out. “And once again, we have a mayor who has spent millions of dollars on computers and now, dissatisfied, wants to trash the whole system and start over.

“Dave Bing no longer has the support of AFSCME and working families,” concluded Garrett. “If these ideas are all he has to offer, he should withdraw from the race.”

Albert Garrett also serves as Vice President of AFSCME International. Michigan AFSCME Council 25 represents more than 90,000 public workers across Michigan. AFSCME International represents 1.4 million public workers nationwide. News releases issued by Michigan AFSCME Council 25 are available at <http://www.miafscme.org/Releases.htm>

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