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**MAYORAL CANDIDATE JERROLL SANDERS RELEASES STATEMENT RESPONDING
TO MAYOR BING'S PLAN ON PRIVATIZING DETROIT'S LIGHTING DEPT.**

Detroit Mayoral Candidate Jerroll Sanders responds to Mayor Dave Bing's plan to privatize Detroit's Public Lighting Department—"Preserving jobs in Detroit has to be priority one! The City of Detroit cannot afford to formulate easy solutions that leave Detroiters without jobs during these tumultuous economic times. City leadership should be restoring jobs by converting contracts into jobs rather than working to convert jobs into contracts, the basic tenet of privatization. Mayor Bing's perspective is consistent with a current trend in corporate America, which involves 'farming out' functions that are not deemed part of an entity's core competencies or mission. I strongly disagree with Bing's position, since a municipality's mission is far broader than a corporation's mission, given a municipality's many stakeholders. As mayor of Detroit, I will work to preserve jobs and to strengthen the effectiveness of City departments."