



August 1, 2009

Mr. David Bradley
15540 Prevost St
Detroit, Mi 48227

Dear David:

On Tuesday, you, Cheryl, Maximillian and the rest of the family will be marking your ballots for Mayor of Detroit. Like all of you, I too am committed and always vote...no matter what. Having said that David, I don't have to tell you or your family that our city is in crisis and cries out for a strong Detroiter to lead us. I am that leader.

Having been born in Detroit's black-bottom, I never left our city and still live on the eastside with my wife, teenage daughter and nine-year-old son. I attended Wayne State University and received my accounting degree in 1971 and my Masters Degree in Finance from WSU in 1979. I became a certified public accountant in 1973 and am a recognized financial expert.

David, you and your family can easily tell that Interim Mayor Bing is not one us, having just moved here a few months ago to rent an apartment so he could run for Mayor. For decades he lived in Oakland County.

Today the outsiders are running our schools and our city and do not understand us or our needs. They don't understand that the police take hours to come or that we are afraid to leave our homes at night. I do! They do not understand that we are losing our children to crime and drugs nor do they relate to our neighborhood fields being overgrown with grass as tall as a man...but I do!

I will reallocate our city resources to hire 350 new Police officers and lease 150 new state-of-the-art squad cars and put them all in our neighborhoods. I'll get you a cop in minutes...not hours. Indeed, if you let me, I'll get those fields cut and have our Detroit Public Schools compete with the Charters before they ruin our school system. In short, I am a Detroiter through and through and I do understand. I will not sell off our Cobo Hall or Public Lighting and I'll put the canoes and bicycle rentals back on Belle Isle. In short, I will be a Mayor you can be proud of.

For 15 years, I quietly fought the IRS to restore my family's good name and last November, I finally won....I am a fighter! When Joe "Louis" Barrow knocked out Max Schmelling, he made Detroit proud. When Tom "Joe" Barrow becomes your Mayor, a fighter will again make you proud!

In closing I ask for your family's votes on Tuesday and invite all of you to then join me and my family at the St Regis Hotel at 3071 W Grand Blvd to watch the election returns and celebrate as Detroiters take the first step in regaining our city.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Barrow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Joe Barrow