

STATEMENT REGARDING MAYOR KWAME M. KILPATRICK'S MULTIPLE MOUNTING LEGAL TROUBLES

Yesterday, Judge Ronald Giles remanded Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick to the Wayne County Jail for violation of his bond.

Upon appeal of the decision by Judge Giles, today Judge Thomas Jackson ordered that Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick be released from jail on the conditions that he be fitted with a tether, prohibited from any type of travel and that he pay a \$50,000 bond.

Less than 15 minutes later, Attorney General Mike Cox announced that Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick would be charged with two counts of felony assault and obstruction of justice.

During the next 60 days Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick will face:

- a trial for felony assault and obstruction of justice
- a hearing by Governor Jennifer Granholm on a request by City Council to remove him from office
- a forfeiture hearing conducted by City Council on whether he should be removed from office
- a trial on perjury charges

Additionally, Mayor Kilpatrick is continuously setting new records for:

- the first sitting Mayor of Detroit to ever be tried for a felony
- the first sitting Mayor to ever face forfeiture proceedings by City Council
- the first sitting Mayor to ever face a resolution passed by City Council asking him to resign
- the first sitting Mayor to ever be ordered tethered and prohibited from travel

Although it has not yet been stated, with Attorney Cox's statement on assault and obstruction of justice charges, Mayor Kilpatrick will also probably become the first sitting Mayor of Detroit to ever be tried for two felonies simultaneously.

It is difficult to continue to reiterate that which I have stated since January 24, 2008 without risking redundancy. The only thing that has changed since the first resolution calling for the Mayor's resignation was passed on March 18, 2008 is that instead of four pages detailing and documenting why Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick should resign, it would surely be more than double that length if it were passed today.

The City of Detroit is experiencing internal hemorrhaging. And the worst part of the effects of the malady is that the one person that holds the antidote, the one person who swore that he would uphold the charter and "advance, conserve, maintain and protect the integrity of the human, physical and natural resources of this city from encroachment and or dismantlement," is himself dismantling the city piece by agonizingly painful piece.

An old Hebrew proverb reminds us that "pride goeth before a fall". Unfortunately, due in part to his pride the Mayor is falling and pulling the entire city right down with him due to an absurd belief that he and the city are inseparable and in fact symbiotic.

Nothing could be further from the truth and it goes without saying that when the Mayor leaves office, whether it is voluntarily or involuntarily, the City of Detroit will finally be able to resume its progress towards the health and prosperity that it so richly deserves.

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