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PRESS RELEASE: Emergency Court Hearing Filed in Case of Dustin Campbell Candidate for City Council in District 7 Ballot Access Case—Will the Election Committee Do What Is Right?

Detroit, MI — The people of Detroit are being asked to watch closely as the fight for fair Elections takes center stage tomorrow as Dustin Campbell v. City of Detroit Department of Elections reaches a critical juncture. An emergency hearing has been filed challenging his disqualification from the ballot based on a decade-old technicality. The hearing is set for Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 1:30 PM in Wayne County's 3rd Judicial Circuit Court.

Case No.: 25-005404-CZ

Court: Wayne County 3rd Judicial Circuit Court, Civil Division

Presiding Judge: Hon. Chief Patricia P. Fresard / Adel Harb

Requested Emergency Hearing Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 1:30 PM

♦ Three Questions for the City and the Nation

Will the Election Committee Be Honest?

The facts are simple: Mr. Campbell was never properly notified of a fine from 2013. His mother signed for the notice without informing him, and once he learned of the oversight, he paid the fee immediately. Will the Committee honor the truth, or allow bureaucracy to deny a man his rights?

Will the Committee Stand Corrected?

Dustin Campbell is not asking for special treatment. He submitted all 300 required signatures and has complied with the law. This is about acknowledging an error, not excusing wrongdoing. Will the Committee act with integrity and correct its own record?

Will the Courts Stand with the People?

This is not just an election technicality — it's a constitutional issue. The right to run for office is protected under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. If the courts side with transparency, due process, and reason, it will be a powerful affirmation that the everyday citizen still has a voice.

♦ Why This Matters — For Detroit and the Nation

This case isn't just about Dustin Campbell. It's about every grassroots leader who's ever dared to step up and say, "I will serve." It's about ensuring that rules are applied fairly — not just to the powerful or well-connected.

As we approach another major election cycle, the country is watching how local systems treat local people.

Will Detroit lead the way in correcting small injustices before they become constitutional crises?

♦ The People Are All We Have

This moment reminds us that we are the checks and balances. When institutions fail, it is up to the people to press for truth, fairness, and integrity.

Dustin Campbell's case is about more than a name on a ballot — it's about whether the law works for the people, or only for itself.

Let your voice be heard.

Let the system work for you.

Show up. Speak out. Stand firm.

"It invigorates me to have the opportunity to advocate for and represent you. This is who I am, and this is where I am from. I envision a Detroit that prioritizes our People offering them a City that is welcoming and accessible. I believe in a District 7 and Detroit that is this way. It starts now! We can overcome any obstacles we face in the district and the City.

Together, we will build a more connected, and more innovative community—one that embraces community and all of its talents, diversity, and services to improve daily life and ensures no one is left behind.

"Rebuilding Our Future, Together!"

"This is not just a campaign—this is our movement. Together, we will move forward, and together, we will build a better Detroit for all. Meet me at the Court room tomorrow. District 7 is more than just where I'm from- it's the heart of who I am. The spirit of resiliency and grit that defines our community will guide me in every step I take in the courtroom. I'm not just representing myself- I'm carrying the voice, strength, and values of District 7 with me."

Highest regards Detroit,

Dustin Campbell