



City of Detroit
CITY COUNCIL

Brenda Jones
Statement
on
Vote on Resolution Passed by City Council

On May 13, 2008, the Detroit City Council took unprecedented action in our city's history, voting to censure Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick and to initiate proceedings to remove the Mayor from public office.

The Detroit City Council voted to:

- 1) censure the Mayor for official acts of misconduct, in part by violating Section 2-106 of the Detroit City Charter
- 2) charge the Mayor with forfeiture of elective office in accordance with Section 2-107 of the Detroit City Charter, and
- 3) request that Governor Jennifer M. Granholm initiate proceedings to remove Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick from public office.

Today, I voted with the majority to pass the aforementioned resolutions. These decisions, like every vote I cast on behalf of the citizens, were made after careful, deliberate and serious consideration. When I was elected, I took an oath, as did the Mayor and my colleagues, to uphold the Detroit City Charter. I must reiterate here today, however, that my vote reflects my love for our city, not hatred of our mayor. My decision is a vote for the process rather than a vote against the person.

It is truly unfortunate that the Mayor's actions have brought negative attention to our city and its residents during the past five months, requiring Council to deviate from its normal course of business. However, we are required by the Charter and bound by our oath to represent the citizens of Detroit, protect the financial assets of our city and to act appropriately when harm is imminent, apparent, or actual.

Therefore, I joined with the majority that Sections 2-106, 6-403 and 8-403 of the Detroit City Charter have been violated by Mayor Kilpatrick and the actions taken by the Detroit City Council are in the best interests of the City of Detroit and on behalf of its citizens.

Dated: May 13, 2008