

Michigan  
Council 25

**AFSCME**

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*American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO*

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**ALERT**

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**Mayor Bing:**

## **“Nothing to Negotiate!”**

AFSCME and leaders of other City of Detroit Unions met with Mayor Dave Bing at Cobo Center at 2:00 PM on Monday, August 10, 2009.

Mayor Bing states nonunion city employees, including his staff, will be hit with a 10 percent pay cut effective September 01, 2009. He says regarding bargaining for new contracts, “There is nothing to negotiate!” He has issued an ultimatum to city Unions: settle the contracts on his terms by Friday, August 28, 2009 or face 1,000 additional layoffs, and possible “payless paydays” in October 2009.

He plans to privatize payroll processing, claiming AFSCME members currently handling the task do not do a good job. He has also made plans to use an outside collection agency to collect accounts receivable in the 90 days to six months range.

In response to the mayor’s posture, Council 25 President Albert Garrett pointed out the failure of MBIA when a previous attempt

was made to outsource (privatize) collection services.

AFSCME has called for a forensic audit of the city’s books as well.

“AFSCME is adamantly opposed to the concessions Mayor Bing is seeking,” stated President Garrett. “A guarantee of no layoffs is essential if the mayor wants us to even look at his proposed concessions seriously. We are in the bargaining process now, and this is no way near the city’s last, best offer.”

AFSCME and other city Unions will hold a Save Our City rally and picket at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. All Detroit and Wayne County members and supporters are urged to take part in the demonstration.

In addition, all AFSCME members are urged to turn out for the Detroit Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 07, in a show of strength and solidarity to support city workers and other embattled AFSCME members.

## **Save Our City!**

**Rally and Informational Picket at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center**

**Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

**4:30 PM**

**All City of Detroit and Wayne County AFSCME Members, Family Members, Supporters, Neighbors and Friends**