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Michigan State Rep Candidate Leslie Love Gives Out Free Gas This Friday

6/5/08--Leslie Love, Michigan State Representative Candidate for District 8, will give out **free gas to the first 100 Detroiters** at the Ashton Marathon gas station on the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Greenfield in Detroit on:

Friday, June 5, 2008
I GOT \$5 ON IT
GAS GIVEAWAY
7:00 am
Ashton Marathon Gas Station
SW Corner of Eight Mile Road & Greenfield

Love is using the giveaway to call attention to the dire need for alternative fuel sources, and the more immediate need for better public transportation, especially regional transit. "Gas prices fluctuate more than the stock market. One day I went in to pump gas and when I started pumping gas it cost \$3.99, by the time I'd finished the price went up to \$4.09.

Until then, she urges people in her district and other Metro Detroit citizens to "take the bus, carpool, or even ride your bike whenever you can—It's a way to save money and send a message to the oil companies at the same time!" she explains.

She continued, "In the 60's, we got off the bus and boycotted for civil rights. Today, we need to get ON the bus to boycott being bullied by big oil companies." I rode my bike to work, and this upcoming week I'll try the bus.

"It's time to look at alternative ways to travel, including using what we already have like DDOT, the largest bus transit carrier in the state that offers services to Detroit & 23 surrounding communities; and Amtrak that offers services to Pontiac, East Lansing, Chicago and Canada. We need to also look into ways to expand and improve those services so that they provide reliable on-time service for users."

As District 8 Representative, Love also pledges to push for light rail. "The Woodward line proposed years ago by Mayor Coleman A. Young, with light rail going from downtown Detroit to Pontiac, is an economic no-brainer. After all, 31,000 people ride the Woodward buses now--that's more than Denver and nearly twice as many as Minneapolis, who respectively have 28,000 and 16,000 who use their new light rail systems. The estimates are that a Woodward light rail line would attract between 40,000 and 50,000 riders a day. Light rail means development and jobs for Detroiters."

One thing is sure," she continued, "gas prices are NOT going down. We have to invest in infrastructure that will secure our future."

Love knows the giveaway only makes a small dent, "but maybe that little bit of gas will mean that somebody will get to work today, or take their child to day care," she explains.

Love, who is challenging incumbent George Cushingberry, is running on a platform of "Safety, Education, and Economic Development." Her other recommendations include neighborhood recycling centers, publicly visible quality/safety grades for food establishments, and the restoration of funding for cultural programs, especially for youth.

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