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Truesdell Calls for Mayor Kilpatrick to Step Down for Good of the State

Candidate says we must focus on job creation, not Mayor's legal troubles

NILES – As Michigan's working families continue to struggle during these difficult economic times, State House candidate **Judy Truesdell** today called on Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to step down so the state can focus on diversifying its economy and creating good-paying jobs now.

"Michigan is facing difficult times, but I know that we have the strength and the ability to overcome whatever challenges we face," said Truesdell, a candidate for the 78th House District, consisting of parts of Berrien and Cass counties. "In order to move forward, I am adding my voice to the community leaders, faith leaders, business leaders and others who are calling for Mayor Kilpatrick to step down for the good of our state. We have a tremendous job ahead of us, but I am confident that we will get our state back on track by working together."

Kilpatrick has been mired in mounting legal troubles, including violating bail conditions for a perjury case against him and a former aide and facing felony charges for allegedly assaulting a sheriff's deputy.

Faith leaders, elected officials, newspapers and everyday citizens have called for Kilpatrick to step aside as mayor of Detroit, including the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity, and the influential black newsweekly, the *Michigan Chronicle*.

"When elected as the 78th district's Representative, I will make it a top priority to create good-paying jobs for our residents," Truesdell said. "Unfortunately, Mayor Kilpatrick's legal troubles have become a distraction to that goal and threaten our ability to attract investment to our communities. In order for our state to come together and move forward, Mayor Kilpatrick needs to step down."

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