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To: Timothy David Ray <tdr@timothydavidray.com>

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Tim,

I was both confused and disappointed by our last meeting and your most recent email. They certainly did not reflect the candidate you purported to be at forums or during the primary.

In the primary you portrayed yourself as an independent with fresh ideas, ready to make tough decisions for our city. Now however, you seem to be surrounded by and beholden to special interests and, either unwilling or unable to make independent decisions.

After months of campaigning, dozens of public forums and an endless number of questionnaires covering virtually every topic imaginable, you have correctly stated in your email to me that you are "*intimately aware of (my) platforms and plans for the office*". But then you add that you are still not ready to make a decision.

That does not indicate independence, leadership or the ability to make tough decisions. At our meeting, you and the group that accompanied you, had every opportunity to ask any questions you may have had. You declined.

That is the confusing part.

The disappointing part is that you now seem to be attempting to auction off your endorsement.

The other three independent candidates also "*intimately knew*" our platforms and plans. They offered their endorsement freely and asked nothing of me other than to remain independent and honest.

You however are implying that appearance at your forum and a public commitment to certain special interest's issues are a requisite for your endorsement. That kind of quid pro quo is offensive and unethical. It reminds me of the old line, self-serving, corrupt politics that I successfully fought against on the Orleans Parish School Board.

If you are the person I think you are, and like Eugene, Catherine and Andre, you will choose to support me because you think my views are more closely aligned with yours and your supporters. And, I welcome your support. If your endorsement comes with strings or a political quid pro quo, I am not your candidate.

P.S. If you choose to continue with your forum, please read this in it's entirety as my response.