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**BINGHAMTON POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
ENDORSES RICH DAVID FOR MAYOR
OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**

-DAVID IS THE FIRST MAYORAL CANDIDATE EVER ENDORSED BY BINGHAMTON PBA-

(BINGHAMTON, NY) Binghamton Mayoral candidate Rich David today announced that he has received the official endorsement of the Binghamton Police Benevolent Association.

David was notified that he received the endorsement in a one-page letter on June 1, 2009 from Police Benevolent Association President Thomas M. Skinner.

“The Binghamton Police Benevolent Association has voted to officially endorse you for Mayor of the City of Binghamton,” said Thomas M. Skinner, President of the PBA. “The PBA feels that you are the candidate with the best combination of experience and expertise to lead the City at this time. The fact that you have previously worked at City Hall in the Mayor’s Office, as well as have made contributions as a private citizen, demonstrate your commitment to the City of Binghamton.”

The PBA invited all of the candidates and the Mayor to participate in a panel discussion with the membership on April 16, 2009.

“The Association appreciated your candid and thoughtful comments and answers to our questions and detailed comments about your vision for public safety,” continued Skinner. “Historically the union has not endorsed any candidate for Mayor, but based on the current challenges facing the City, we need a Mayor who will work with and support the Police Department. We believe you are that individual. You are the first candidate for Mayor that we are officially endorsing, so congratulations on that as well.”

“I am honored to have the support of the Police Benevolent Association, which represents the hard working men and women of the City Police Department,” said David. “Public Safety is among the most important services the City can provide. If the residents and business owners feel the City is not safe they will leave and investment in Binghamton will decline. It is vital that Binghamton has a strong and aggressive police department. It is my commitment to work with the police department as an active partner so that we can together achieve our common goals and objectives.”