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**(CITY OF BINGHAMTON, NY)** Binghamton Mayoral Candidate Rich David today outlined more than \$700,000 in personnel and other cuts that should be immediately made in the 2010 City budget.

“The majority of these positions were either added or recreated by Mayor Ryan over the course of the last four years and they should be eliminated immediately,” stated David. “There are also a few traditional positions that have transcended administrations that I have identified for cuts believe I believe that the responsibility and workload can be absorbed by the respective department without impacting services.”

In all David identified 13 positions that are partially or fully funded by the General Fund (which is comprised of local tax dollars). In addition David identified approximately \$27,000 in discretionary spending that can be eliminated immediately as well as \$63,000 in cuts from the Community Development Block Grant.

“The \$700,000 in savings I have identified for the 2010 budget is only the first in a series of specific recommendations that I will make,” added David. “After Mayor Ryan releases his budget proposal I will go through it line by line and offer additional specifics. The \$700,000 that I’ve identified is for the 2010 budget only. Had Mayor Ryan not created or recreated a series of administrative positions during his tenure in office the savings to taxpayers over the last four years would have been several hundred thousand dollars more. These positions should be eliminated immediately before closing one fire station or taking one police officer off the street.”

“I can guarantee you that when Mayor Ryan is presented when this list of personnel cuts his immediate response will be “no, you can’t make these cuts”, continued David. “I’m here to tell you yes you can.”

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**The proposed personnel cuts to the 2010 Budget are as follows:**

*(NOTE: Salary and Benefit figures taken from the 2009 budget)*

*(These are Positions Mayor Ryan  
Has Added or Recreated During His Tenure)*

**Mayor's Office**

Communications Director	\$30,000.00
Youth Bureau Director	\$33,990.00

**Finance**

Deputy Comptroller	\$40,942.00
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**Engineering**

Senior Engineer	\$53,457.00
Master Electrician	\$50,000.00

**Public Works Administration**

2nd Deputy Commissioner	\$44,000.00
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**Sanitation Bureau**

Sanitation Supervisor	\$43,493.00
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**Planning Department**

Sustainability Development Plan \$17,702 (1/2 CDBG)  
Planning, Housing, Community Development  
Neighborhood Development Specialist \$30,922.00 (CDBG)

Benefits @ 30%	\$94,075.00
Salary & Benefits	\$407,659.00

*(These are traditional positions that have transcended  
Administrations that I am proposing be cut)*

**Police**

Assistant Police Chief	\$70,635.00
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**Fire**

Assistant Fire Chief (1 of 3)	\$72,000.00
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**City Clerk**

Deputy City Clerk	\$37,844.00
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Benefits @ 30%	\$54,143.00
Salary & Benefits	\$232,622.00

**Total Benefits**

<b>30%</b>	<b>\$148,218.00</b>
<b>Total Salary - Benefits Cuts</b>	<b>\$640,281.00</b>

*(This is discretionary spending I am proposing be eliminated in addition to personnel cuts)*

**Other**

Community Arts	\$25,000.00
Mayor's Travel	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,000.00</b>

**CDBG Cuts**

From Planning Department Personnel Additions (Salary @ Benefits)	<b>\$63,211.00</b>
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