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President Lisa M. Borders:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 623 endorses you as our candidate for Mayor in the 2009 election. Local 623 represents over 1100 Atlanta police officers and has been the recognized labor union for the Atlanta Police Department since 1985. Your dedication to our officers began in 2004 when we sat down and interviewed you for our endorsement in the City Council President race. You were new to the scene and our officers were amazed at your knowledge of their issues within the police department. We were proud to endorse you for City Council President then and again in your reelection.

During your tenure as Council President, your leadership has driven many issues important to our members with the coalitions you built along the way with members of council. We believe those coalitions you built will continue to help you address the serious challenges our department will be facing during your first term as Mayor. We believe no other candidate has that experience or ability. During the endorsement process the Union did not have to give you our concerns, you already knew what they were. You are the only candidate that understands how an officer's family feels when their loved one leaves home to put themselves in harms way for the citizens of Atlanta. You are the only candidate that took time to meet with the Union on a regular basis to discuss a strategic long term plan for our men and women to ensure our department is fully staffed and equipped to fight crime for our city. You are also the only candidate that we would always see at the hospital or crime scene when one of our officers were injured or gave their life for the City.

During the last several years, your support of our members has been undying. We believe you have the strength and the understanding to ensure our members moral is rebuilt, allowing us to regain confidence in our leadership. Your vision of rebuilding the trust in our neighborhoods between the police and its citizens will allow those taken over by crime to once again live in a safe, vibrant city. In order for Community Oriented Policing to truly work, we must have enough officers to ensure a beat officer is available for each neighborhood. Your plan for public safety ensures the police department will be able to deliver. We look forward to breaking down barriers with you to ensure our city is safe and has a police force we can all be proud of. Congratulations and good luck!

Yours in Solidarity,

Sgt. Scott Kreher
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