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On August 5, I filed to run for Mayor of Indianapolis. As a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, I want to ensure that a Democrat is elected Mayor in 2011. The next Mayor must balance the needs of individuals, families, businesses, education, the arts and environment within the current fiscal constraints that are forecasted to continue for some time. The next Mayor will face many challenges and must diligently and creatively build a city that works for all citizens.

Since leaving public service over fifteen years ago, my focus has been on raising a family, building entrepreneurial business organizations and supporting some of the many worthwhile community organizations that make Indianapolis the engaging city it is. However, in each of these pursuits, I have realized that the city that provided me with many opportunities has provided comparatively less to many others and now finds itself confronting a leadership and financial crisis.

Indianapolis is confronting fiscal challenges on multiple fronts – CIB, airport and budget – has among the lowest high school graduation rates in the country, ranks poorly in many indices of environmental stewardship and has an overwhelmed criminal justice system. We must confront and resolve these issues while building a city that works for:

- Children by providing a safe community and an academically rigorous education;
- Families by delivering roads, sidewalks, clean air and water, and viable recycling programs;
- Businesses by pursuing policies and creating infrastructure that support the flow of financial and intellectual capital; and, for
- Community organizations by encouraging volunteerism and establishing sustainable funding mechanisms.

If we strike the right balance, the entire city will benefit. Your views on Indianapolis and the issues that the city and its neighborhoods must address are important to me as we work to restore the Mayor's Office to Democratic leadership. I will be calling you to arrange a convenient time to meet and get to know one another. Should you be interested in learning more about me prior to our conversation, please visit my website, www.brianSwilliams.com. Together we can build a city that works.

Respectfully,

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