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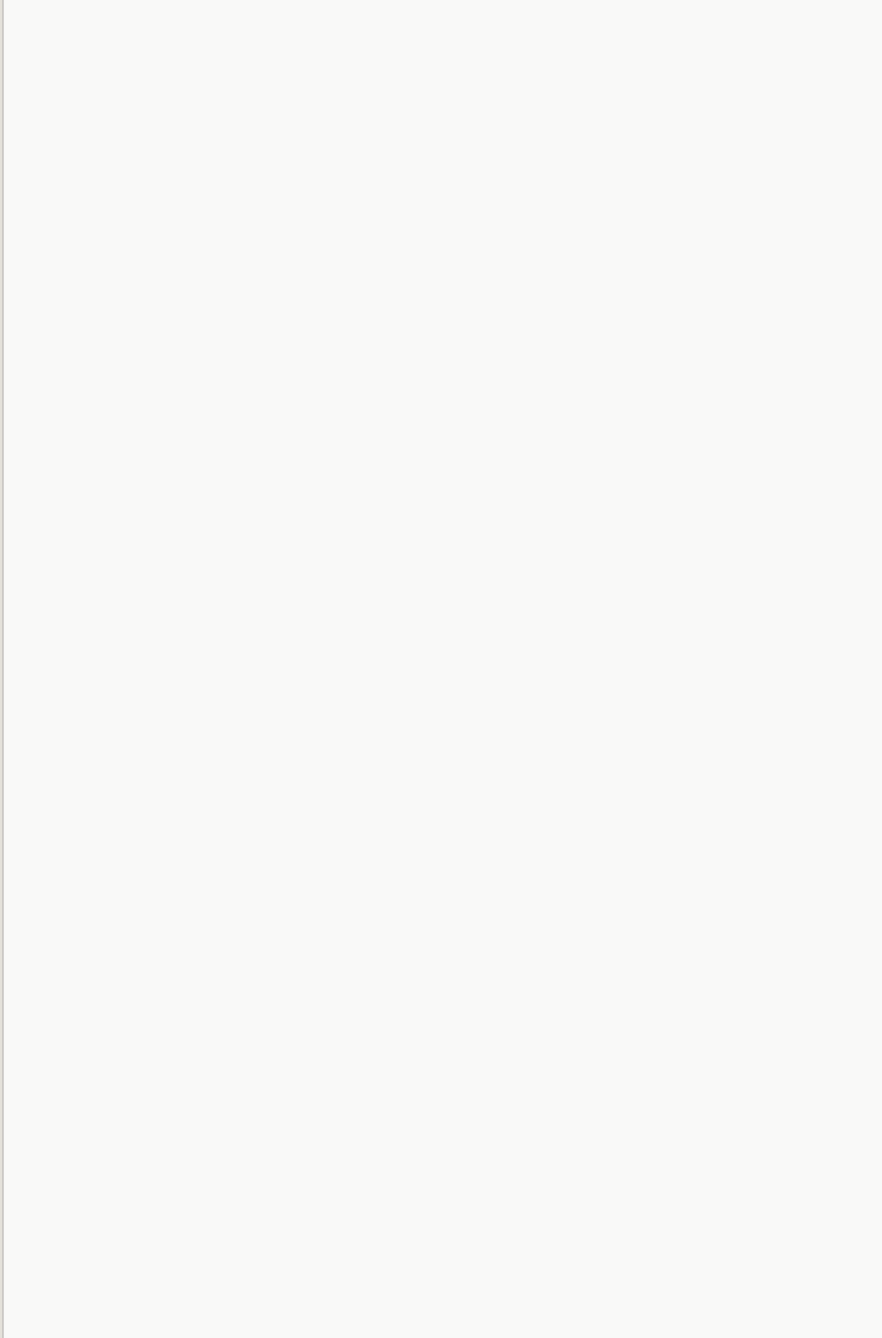
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Wilcoxon's mayoral plan for Detroit: Leadership

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DETROIT -- Business consultant D. Etta Wilcoxon says many of Detroit's problems can be pinpointed to one issue: Leadership, or the lack thereof.

One of 15 candidates for mayor in the Feb. 24 special primary, Wilcoxon said the city is primed for immediate and sustained growth and would work to clean neighborhoods, invest in downtown and work closely with auto manufacturers to attract businesses, plants and jobs.

"The absence of leadership is holding the city of Detroit back from realizing her true potential. I have a well thought out plan that will move this city, this region, forward at record speed and I am offering that plan to the residents of the city of Detroit," said Wilcoxon, 51, who lives adjacent to the Detroit Golf Course on West McNichols.

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This plan includes borrowing \$5 billion from the city's retirement system to balance the city's budget, build plants to assemble lithium ion batteries, metal blades and poles for wind farms and build a "colossal" Detroit theme park on "acres and acres of barren land."

Wilcoxon also firmly believes the city must maintain its assets and is against selling property or (closing) departments.

"I am diametrically opposed to selling off any of the city's assets. City leaders who sell off assets rather than thinking innovatively and lobbying vigorously for the city, are not leaders at all," said Wilcoxon.

She also plans, not to layoff city workers, but to hire more workers to keep up with an increasing population.

Wilcoxon's platform also includes acting as ambassador to Detroit Public Schools, while keeping control in the hands of the school board, reopening all police precincts and hiring additional officers, and providing additional funds to city departments to improve city services.

Wilcoxon is well aware her name is not well known as the election approaches, but is confident that after residents become aware of her agenda, her name will become a household one.

"When residents come to realize the compassion and the love I have in my heart for the city of Detroit ... they will know and respect my name," said Wilcoxon.

Wilcoxon, a partner at DEW's Consulting Agency, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Detroit Mercy, earned a law degree at Cumberland School of Law in 1986 and is publisher and editor of the Renaissance Observer newspaper.

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