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To: The Racine Common Council and Mayor Gary Becker

From: Aldersperson Pete Karas

Re: Reimbursement policy for Presidential Campaign Visits

I respectfully request to appear before the Finance and Personnel Committee to discuss drafting a policy that would require presidential election campaigns to reimburse the City of Racine for any costs incurred as a result of their campaign visits to the City. I intend to have a draft recommended policy prepared concerning this request and will share it before the any meeting is held so that there is a starting point for discussion.

As the 2008 Presidential election campaign season in Wisconsin is approaching soon, I believe that the Council needs to have this discussion and formulate a policy in the near future.

My feeling is that when there are these visits to Racine, that those campaigns are notified in advance that they will be obligated to pay for all City costs as a result of additional services provided by the City. I believe that it is unfair to the taxpayers of Racine to subsidize these types of visits through their tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Ald. Pete Karas