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NEWARK'S MAYOR DOESN'T GET IT AND NEVER WILL...

NEWARK, New Jersey – Aug. 30, 2007 - On Thursday, August 30, 2007, the Newark Teachers Union will again seek help from the residents of New Jersey in respect to the carnage in Newark. Airplanes will fly the whole coast of New Jersey for five (5) days seeking help so that Newark residents can have safety and peace within their community. Newark's Mayor has no answers and only makes matters worse. The Newark Teachers Union will not wait until a Newark teacher, aide, clerk or student is gunned down and killed. We need help and we're not afraid to ask for it no matter who may be embarrassed by it or who may offer it. The City of Newark's Administration is bankrupt when it comes to protecting its residents.

The Newark Teachers Union has been sending warning signals to Newark City Hall for over a decade. It's like talking to the man in the moon. You had to be deaf, dumb and blind not to realize where Newark was headed. Why all the shock now?!? As a councilman, Booker had one of the worst council attendance records. His success in passing resolutions was dismal. His councilman years were spent grabbing headline after headline about how great he was and what he would do for Newark. It was all P.R. Then, like now, he jetted across the United States placing his face in front of every camera and microphone available always seeking the limelight. Well, it took nearly 170 murders in Newark in less than two years for the light to go on for Booker. A police officer was murdered on the steps of Weequahic High School. A delivery man was shot in the head bringing pizza to a school and now the execution of college bound students by illegal criminal immigrants at Mt. Vernon School. What police emergency plans exist for within Newark's schools? Other cities are in preparation. Trespassers enter our schools daily. Teachers are attacked in and out of school!

When the Newark Teachers Union went on the offensive against murders in Newark, the Mayor's reply was to send surrogates threatening us. He didn't like our signs asking for help. We knew how totally ineffective he was except for his cameo theatrics when the press is present. His theatrics mirror the emotion of a silent motion picture star. The Mayor again tried to intimidate the Newark Teachers Union by parking a luxury bus laden with pictures of himself in front of our office. The Newark Teachers Union will never be intimidated by someone who is using the City as a political stepping stone and a source to make his political friends rich.

Booker's philosophy is the problem not the solution. He stupidly offers Newark as a safe city and sanctuary for illegal immigrants. Consequently, illegal immigrant criminals view Newark as a safe haven. He stupidly offers Newark as a safe city and sanctuary for ex-convicts with the representation that he has some sort of magic which can rehabilitate, educate and find employment for ex-murderers, rapists, thieves and drug dealers. Consequently, ex-convicts flock to Newark. Everyone knows that prison rehabilitation is nonexistent. Why then offer Newark as the salvation when everyone knows the high risk and rate of criminal recidivism? Why expose Newark's men, women and children, by invitation, to those with proven track records of criminality? Why not spend time on making Newark a safe sanctuary for its residents who work hard and pay taxes? Why spend millions of public tax dollars to politically connected public relation firms in order to refurbish a tarnished image when the money should go to crime prevention and placing more law enforcement of Newark's streets?

Don't let me ever hear anything again about Rhodes Scholars. It means nothing in the real world. Calling Judy Diggs a portly, toothless, cussing criminal tells us all we need to know of the value of being a Rhodes Scholar. There is no doubt that if Booker were a bird he would fly backwards. Newark's children deserve better.

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High Exposure is overseeing the aerial advertising which will begin this Thursday, August 30, 2007 and run through Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2007 from 10am to 5:30pm. It will travel New Jersey's coastline over the entire Labor Day Holiday.

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