

City of Hartford Administrator Accepts Vice-Presidential Candidacy on Independent Ticket

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Hartford, Connecticut – July 25, 2006 - Today, Webster Brooks, an administrator for the Hartford Public Schools and former City Council Executive Assistant, announced he will resign, to campaign as the Vice-Presidential running mate to Presidential aspirant Daniel Imperato, a Florida businessman. Brooks, who stepped into the bright lights of national politics in 1995 as the National Chairman of the Draft Colin Powell for President Committee, will be moving to Florida to work at the Imperato/Brooks headquarters in West Palm Beach. "Daniel Imperato is an extraordinary man that will serve this nation well. I am honored to be his running mate. We have started this campaign early, with a plan and a strategy that will thrust us into the thick of the race in 2008."

Since joining the Imperato 2008 campaign in April, Brooks has been instrumental in crafting the centrist Independent campaign's foreign policy agenda. He has written position papers calling for a new strategic alliance between China and the U.S., direct negotiations with Iran on the Iraqi conflict and nuclear power stalemate, and predicted the collapse of the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian Authority in his paper called 'Death of the Roadmap to Peace.' His domestic policy writings on 'Building a New Energy Economy' and his 'One America 2010 Immigration Plan,' have also stirred debate amongst bloggers and political activists.

With the presidential campaign heating up, Brooks decided to dedicate his full energy to the campaign, which recently called for the formation of a new third Party--Independent America. Brooks said "A significant section of the American people have clearly indicated that they want a viable alternative to the cesspool of partisan political warfare and incompetence in Washington. The times require us to go further than just running an independent presidential campaign. We need to permanently establish a new party that represent a growing electoral majority of independent voters, moderates and disaffected partisans of both parties. It is with a great deal of sadness and fond memories that I will be departing from Hartford to pursue this enterprise. But I'm genuinely animated by the challenge and the necessity of this campaign.

Brooks, began his political career as an Independent candidate in Washington, D.C. in 1990. After moving to Hartford he helped coordinate the 1994 election campaign of Democrat Party City Treasurer Denise Nappier, and later Republican Hartford City Councilwoman Veronica Airey Wilson. After chairing the draft effort of Colin Powell, Brooks sought the Republican nomination for the 1st Congressional District race against Barbara Kennelly in 1996, but withdrew after clashing publicly with the Republican State Party and the Bob Dole Presidential team for their lack of respect for the African-American and Hispanic community. Brooks has since run several political internet sites, and chaired the national Black think tank--Low-Country & Chesapeake Society. As a political figure and analyst, Brooks made numerous appearances on C-SPAN, CNN and other media outlets, in the United States and overseas.

Always a student of history, Brooks said his work with the John Rogers Historical Society in reviving the legacy of Connecticut's Black Governors was most rewarding. He also served on the board of black descendents of the Connecticut 29th Civil War Regiment that has secured \$225,000 to erect a monument in New Haven to the valorous soldiers. Brooks commented that "In life, we try to leave this world a little better than we found it. I hope my service to the Hartford Public Schools and the City Council represented that belief. This is a great city that is on its way back." Brooks worked for the City of Hartford for 12 years.

About Daniel Imperato, Presidential Candidate, (www.daniel2008.com)

Daniel was born in Boston, Mass (1958), and began his business career in 1977 transforming the manufacturing facilities in Israel through adapting them to the global marketplace along with bringing financing to the factories for global expansion. He also operated a trading company in Singapore and owned a manufacturing company in Belgium. Daniel brings over thirty years of experience in global business planning and development and has personal relationships at high levels around the

world. Daniel has consulted for Fortune 500 corporations, with a mix of product lines, consisting of telecommunications products and services, telecommunications equipment including v-sat terminals and handheld mobile satellite telephones, along with passport and identification cards services and secure documents for foreign governments around the world. He is currently a Papal Knight with honors from the Vatican, and a board member for the African Center Foundation, a United Nations NGO, and the founder of Imperiali Organization (www.imperiali.org). Presently, he has organized a Presidential Committee in order to organize support for a run at the White House in 2008.

About Webster Brooks, Vice Presidential Candidate

Webster Brooks was born in Colorado (1956) to an Army family and was raised in Detroit. In Detroit, Brooks saw the pride and spirit of Middle America growing up in a town that was heavily influenced by the auto industry and Motown music. Twenty Four years later, he ran for Mayor of Washington DC in 1990 as independent, and then worked with many democrats, republicans and independent in politics. In 2002, Brooks' organization, The National Black Republican Network, became the most popular public forum for Black conservatives and Republicans, but included independents as well. Brooks was named as one of 'The 20 Most Influential Black Conservatives' by Headway Magazine and an 'Intellectual Tour de Force' by the Detroit News. During this time, Brooks chaired the National Congress of Black Conservatives and the National Black Coalition for School Choice. He currently resides in Hartford, CT with his loving family.

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