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Dioassa issues statement on Bouthillette arraignment

Central Falls, RI – Central Falls Councilman James Diossa today issued a statement on Michael Bouthillette’s arraignment.

“Today’s arraignment of Michael G. Bouthillette on charges of committing fraud against the people of Central Falls is a reminder of our city’s urgent need for honest, ethical leadership in City Hall.

“Mr. Bouthillette and his co-conspirator, disgraced mayor Charles Moreau, saw the foreclosure crisis in our city as little more than an opportunity to pad their personal bank accounts. Rather than focus on assisting our struggling homeowners or rehabilitating our city’s deteriorating housing stock, Bouthillette and Moreau left our city’s vacant properties covered in plywood at the expense of taxpayers, residents and the rest of us.

“It’s exactly this kind of unethical leadership that has bankrupted our city. It’s also the reason why I am proud to be running to be the next mayor of Central Falls.

“I am absolutely committed to leading the most open, transparent and accountable mayor’s office in the state of Rhode Island. I will never take campaign contributions from city employees or vendors and I’ll use taxpayer resources for the purposes they are intended: improving public services, not lining the pockets of the politically connected. It’s time we board up corruption in City Hall, once and for all.”