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**KNAPIK QUESTIONS OPPONENT’S CITY STABILIZATION ACCOUNT RECORD**

**Westfield** – Recently the Mayor has claimed responsibility for increases in our City’s stabilization account since 2007. His recent release and website says the account balance upon his taking office was \$272,289. In fact, the balance was \$772,289.25. Since then, five deposits have been made, all at the direction of the City Council’s Finance Committee, including \$208,000 in certified free cash from the FY 2007 budget and \$1.8 million in certified free cash from FY 2008, both prepared by former Mayor Richard Sullivan. \$438,000 in remaining funds from the FY 2009 budget was deposited in June of 2009. These are just some of the details the Mayor failed to acknowledge. The full history of deposits (during Mayor Boulanger’s term) into the city stabilization account appears below:

***City of Westfield - Stabilization Account***

<b>6/1/2007</b>	272,289.25	
<b>6/28/2007</b>	<u>500,000.00</u>	Voted at FY08 budget hearings
<b>12/31/2007</b>	772,289.25	Election of Mayor Boulanger (Nov 2007) Mayor Boulanger takes office January of 2008.
<b>4/30/2008</b>	208,026.65	FY 07 Free Cash
<b>6/30/2008</b>	145,000.00	Transfer recommended by Finance Committee to help FY09 School Budget
	<u>27,837.71</u>	Interest
<b>6/30/2008</b>	1,153,153.61	
		FY 08 Free Cash - "non-recurring/one-time" receipts from state, Federal government and Tax Title payments
<b>2/5/2009</b>	1,834,645.00	City Council Finance Committee recommends to mayor and full council to move into stabilization account
<b>6/25/2009</b>	388,668.00	Councilor Keefe recommendation to move money to stabilization
<b>6/25/2009</b>	50,000.00	Councilor Keefe recommendation to move money to stabilization
	<u>27,923.36</u>	Interest
<b>6/30/2009</b>	<u><u>3,454,389.97</u></u>	

As Mayor, I will communicate a clear and honest message to city employees and residents. In order to navigate

this fiscal storm, our city government needs to be open and honest with our citizens. I pledge to hold public budgeting forums so that city employees, concerned citizens, and business stakeholders can communicate their budget priorities directly with my Administration. I ask for your vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup> so that we might work together to set a responsible and clear vision for our City.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3rd!\*\***

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