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**WALSH ENDORSES KIMATIAN  
FOR SYRACUSE MAYOR**

OCTOBER 5, 2009, SYRACUSE, NY---Former U.S. Representative Jim Walsh today endorsed former broadcasting executive Steve Kimatian for Mayor of Syracuse.

Walsh, who represented Syracuse and Central New York in Congress for two decades, said Kimatian was “far and away the most qualified candidate in this election, the one who can move this city we love in a new direction”.

“During my years in Congress, I was able to deliver hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds to the city of Syracuse,” Walsh, who served as a District Councilor and Common Council President before being elected to the House, continued. “For better or for worse, those days are over. That’s why it’s so important that a tested, results-oriented business executive like Steve Kimatian is elected Mayor.”

“Steve’s plan for bringing private sector investment to Syracuse is a sound one, and in my opinion, it will yield results,” he continued. “Frankly, it would be refreshing to have a non-politician as Mayor, one who would bring a fresh perspective and can-do attitude to meeting the challenges our city faces.”

In accepting the endorsement, Kimatian praised Walsh as a “tireless and selfless public servant who always put the people of the city of Syracuse ahead of partisan political considerations”.