

BIG BARACK HAS COME TO TOWN TO GET OUT THE EARLY VOTE!

Big Barack may not be as eloquent as his namesake, but he's much taller (12 feet) and he's VERY relaxed. He realizes that Northeast Ohio could make or break Barack Obama's bid for the presidency, so he plans to settle in and spend 14 days getting to know Clevelanders!



Big Barack's main purpose in the next two weeks is to convince people to Early Vote. He'll pass on going to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Instead he wants to meet regular people as they head to and from work. He plans to visit them in their neighborhoods and convince them that time is running short to vote. His message: It doesn't much matter if you walk, drive, bike, or take the bus, but do EARLY VOTE at the Board of Elections on Euclid and E. 30th on Weekdays between the hours of 8:30 AM - 7:00PM, on Saturdays from 9AM - 1PM, or on Sundays from 1PM - 5PM. Become part of this historic election! Avoid the BIG RUSH on Election Day, make the leap of commitment, and cast an EARLY BALLOT of a lifetime!

Who thought up Big Barack? He was dreamed up by local performance artist and sculptor, Robin VanLear and photographer, Linda Butler. One evening they decided to put their minds and talents together to create something that would make people smile and laugh and remember that life is full of surprises and creativity. They hope Big Barack will inspire both a sense of hope, and a desire to Early Vote that will help forge a new future for our country.

It took Robin VanLear more than 50 hours to sculpt Big Barack's face in clay, cover the clay bust with multiple layers of paper mache, separate the clay from the paper, paint his head, and attach the head and costume. Meanwhile Linda Butler was at work creating a support group to raise money and find volunteers.

Enjoy this special moment in time!
Help make the dream come true!

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