



Henry Davis, Jr.
2nd District Council Member

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER HENRY DAVIS, JR.
SUBJECT: **PRESS RELEASE:** COUNCILMEMBER HENRY DAVIS JR.
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dear South Bend Common Council:

We, the undersigned neighborhood organizations, submit this letter to you in order to express our concerns about the 2022 budget process. While we're excited about the influx of \$58.9 million in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) dollars into the city, we are concerned about how those dollars will reach and improve our neighborhoods. We are requesting that the council call on the administration to provide more clarity as to how the spending proposals in the 2022 budget will impact our neighborhoods.

Additionally, we demand that the City commit at least \$30 million to our neighborhoods for low-income and affordable housing development; neighborhood planning; infrastructure (curbs, sidewalks, and street improvements); youth and elder support; home buying assistance; and business support.

We request an immediate meeting with the council leadership and Mayor James Mueller about our concerns.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Black Lives Matter South Bend
ContainArt Community
Far Northwest Neighborhood Association
Kennedy Park Neighborhood Association
LaSalle Area Alliance Neighborhood Association
Lincoln-Bendix Park Neighborhood Association
Odom Community Developers

Councilman, Henry Davis Jr.
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