

**FROM:** Black Lives Matter - South Bend

**TO:** City of South bend; Dan Parker, City Controller; and South Bend Common Council

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Black Lives Matter - South Bend submits this set of questions so that we might gain further clarity as to how the proposed 2022 budget will address concerns raised by Black residents. Our hope is that the Administration will give a more nuanced explanation as to how it will allocate dollars so as to ensure equity.

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

1. According to an April 2021 Bank Reconciliation, the City of South Bend holds \$200,000,000.00 in an investment account with 1st Source Bank. Please provide data on how and where (census tract-wise) where 1st Source Bank holds mortgages, provides business loans and supports community development projects in the Black community?
2. Over the last 5 years, how many millions of dollars have gone towards affordable house initiatives and to which census tracts?
3. Please share the expected amount of both civil and federal dollars that will go specifically towards home repair, and into which census tracts? Please specify by program type ( CDBG, HOME, civil funds, etc.).
4. Can you explain how you will ensure that local Black contractors are hired to repair homes? How many Black contractors are the City working with around home repair?
5. Questions regarding the current home repair pilot program:
  - a. How many households applied?
  - b. How many and what percent of applicants were approved?
  - c. What percent and number of applicants fell outside of and within the designated impact areas?
  - d. How many and what percent of applicants were approved and received funding?
  - e. What was the average amount awarded?
  - f. What were the primary reasons as to why applicants were denied?
  - g. How many and what percent of applicants did not complete their applications?
6. What will be the designated areas for the home repair program next year?

7. What projects will the Industrial Revolving Loan support next year? And how large is the fund?
8. Does the City plan to apply for funding through the Federal Home Loan Bank in order to make more dollars available for affordable housing projects?

#### PUBLIC WORKS

1. Will "traffic calming" dollars be allocated for districts 1 and 2? Which streets?
2. What census tracts and streets will receive curb and sidewalk funding?
3. What streets and census tracts will receive street paving funding?
4. How many Black firms has your department worked with in the past two years, and in what capacity?

#### SOUTH BEND POLICE

1. How many officers will be expected to retire this year?
2. Is there a detailed budget showing the expected revenue to be generated from fines and fees? One that lists where dollars are generated by each fine and fee.