



# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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**FROM:** DAWN M. JONES, CITY CLERK  
**DATE:** MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023  
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**SUBJECT:** **CITY CLERK RESPONDS TO INACCURATE AND MISLEADING COMMENTS LEADING TO CANCELLATION OF THE SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

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City Clerk Dawn Jones will hold a **Press Conference today at 4:00 p.m.** in the **City Clerk's Office** on the **fourth floor of the County-City building located at 227 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601.** This statement is in response to the cancellation of the January, 23, 2023 South Bend Common Council Meeting by Council President Sharon McBride. The Clerk's Office released the meeting notice on Thursday, Jan 19, 2023, at 12:51 p.m., providing more than a 48-hour notice. Additionally, my office staff posted a copy of the notice in the Clerk's Office, the principal office of the Common Council at that same time, 48 hours in advance. We have always and customarily posted these notices in the Clerk's Office in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-5(b). The Clerk's Office is in the County-City Building where the meetings are held. The Office of the City Clerk also posted a notice of all the 2023 Regular Council Meetings. This Notice was released to the public on Tuesday, December, 13, 2022 and posted in the City Clerk's office. Notice comported with Indiana law.

I wonder whether member(s) of the council are purposely trying to delay the vote of Bill No. 22-61. Bill No. 22-61 – A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, Calling for Reparatory Justice. It was properly noticed as a part of today's agenda, but now delayed. It is my hope that City Council members and their contract employee running for City Clerk understand their role and duties to City of South Bend residents, and my hope is that they are not trying to dismiss the will of the voters. It is my job of the City Clerk, manager of the City legislative process, to ensure that elected officials carry out their duties through their processes, relationships, and an open government.

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