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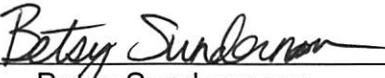
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MOTION

In lieu of funding the repainting of the Black Lives Matter Mural on Plum Street in front of City Hall, **I MOVE** that the Administration prepare an ordinance in an equal amount to fund business development grants to Black-owned business through the African American Chamber of Commerce. The source of funds for the grants should be the "Reserve for Weather Related Events, Other Emergency and One-Time Needs."

We have previously provided American Rescue Plan funding to the arts community. As we now work to regain our region's economic footing, we should be helping Black businesses recover through grants administered through the African American Chamber. Actions speak louder than words.

Cincinnati has the #1 Chamber in the United States that is advocating for African American businesses in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. On June 9, 2017, the Cincinnati Business Courier ranked Cincinnati's African American Chamber of Commerce as the #1 fastest growing Chamber in the Region.


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