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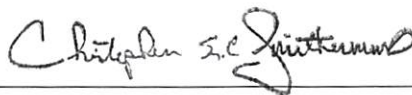
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Christopher E. C. Smitherman
Cincinnati Vice Mayor

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MOTION

WE MOVE that the city administration release to the public the additional 2000 plus text messages associated with the “Gang of 5,” excluding any text messages related to personal matters.



Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

Statement: The taxpayers of Cincinnati have paid \$176,000 in legal expenses related to the “Gang of 5” text messages. These text messages have been the subject of numerous open records requests by a majority of our local media outlets. By being transparent, we can begin to restore the public trust in this institution. The additional 2000 plus text messages belong in the public domain for the citizens to review.

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