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STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT RAWLINGS-BLAKE REGARDING MAYOR DIXON'S LINE-ITEM BUDGET VETO

I am disappointed that Mayor Dixon has signed a line-item veto behind closed doors without the openness and transparency that the citizens deserve. This autocratic act sends a sad and clear message to members of the City Council and the public that Mayor Dixon does not value their contribution to the budget process.

Moving forward, I refuse to engage in a prolonged power struggle at the expense of our citizens. I remain proud that the City Council used its limited budgetary authority to reduce wasteful government spending in an honest effort to make more funds available for children's programs. And, there is no doubt that the City Council's bold action precipitated a much needed change in the Office of the Inspector General.

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