

Friends and constituents,

Tonight, thirteen of my Democratic colleagues voted to expel me from the Democratic Caucus of the Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council.

Public business should be conducted in public, rather than behind closed doors. My commitment to this principle has often put me at odds with my colleagues, including this last week, when I called for fully-funded, fully-public education, against the wishes of my Council colleagues and their Republican conspirators. My call-out of so-called Democrats Maggie Lewis, Carlos Perkins, and Leroy Robinson's subterfuge was the straw that finally broke the camel's back.

Unlike some of my colleagues, I don't hide my politics---not because of who I am, but because of who you are. Politics behind closed doors only works for those who can afford entry. My constituents deserve a city that works for them, not just the capitalists and developers. My constituents deserve fully funded, fully public education, not a scammy grab bag of charter school "choices." My constituents deserve an elected official who will fight for their interests---not someone who serves big-money donors and washed-up party bosses.

I will be fighting this decision, as it disenfranchises the voters of District 13, who saw fit to elect me, and I would welcome any and all support in that fight.

In love and solidarity,

Jesse