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Mayor Bell:

I will not be able to serve as Council representative on any of the Council appointed Committees unless the sanctions imposed on me by Council are lifted and unless the present policy which YOU HAVE INITIATED and which prevents me from introducing and explaining an initiative and/or motion for the benefit of Council and the public unless it is seconded by another member of Council first is also nullified.

This is not about killing a motion after has been introduced and explained but about the right to introduce and explain such an initiative before the Mayor calls for a seconder for debate. I am sure you will agree that even in the most backward democratic institutions such a right should exist. This policy, which you initiated following my reelection to Council in 1999, has been a severe drain on my ability to provide leadership and carry out my responsibility based on my duty to Council, the Committees I serve on and the public.

These sanctions and those politically biased restrictions initiated by you have seriously inhibited my ability to carry out my responsibilities while these policies are in place. At present I am unable to carry out my responsibilities since very few of my initiatives are seconded. Unless those sanctions and those restrictions are lifted, my appointment to committees is unproductive and severely hampered.

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