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## **STATEMENT ON REPORTS REGARDING CLEVELAND WARD 1 COUNCILMAN JOE JONES**

Like all Democrats, I am deeply troubled by the report released yesterday by Cleveland City Council and President Blaine Griffin concerning Councilman Joe Jones.

If the conduct described in that report is accurate, my heart goes out to anyone who was subjected to such treatment, especially those forced to endure the conduct on multiple occasions. As Council President Griffin noted yesterday, none of us would want a loved one to experience such behavior.

As Chair, I have decided to reconvene the Ward 1 Executive Committee for the purpose of reconsidering its endorsement in the Ward 1 Cleveland City Council race. When members previously voted on August 5th, the information now available in the public report was not before them. They have the right to evaluate these allegations in relation to their decision to endorse. This process is being conducted in accordance with the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Constitution and Bylaws governing endorsements.

The reconvened meeting will take place via Zoom on **Saturday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m.** and will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel for the public to observe. Under Party rules, Councilman Jones must receive at least 60% of the members' votes to retain the endorsement. If another candidate receives at least 60% of the votes, that candidate will become the Party's endorsed candidate for this race. If no candidate reaches the 60% threshold, or if quorum is not met, the endorsement will be rescinded.

**David Brock**  
**Chair**  
**Cuyahoga County Democratic Party**