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Black & Asian Democratic Caucus Statement on County Executive Adam Bello's Proposed 2022 Budget

ROCHESTER, NY – Yesterday Monroe County Executive Adam Bello released his proposed 2022 budget. We thank him for presenting it before next week's due date and look forward to working with him to make sure it is in the best interests of all Monroe County residents. However, the stated purpose of our Caucus is to ensure that the residents of the City of Rochester are fairly represented because for too long they have not been. As such, we look forward to studying his proposed budget to make sure people of color get their fair share of Monroe County resources, and fully funding the Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is a great first step in bettering the lives of people of color in the County. However, the County Executive's backhanded remark about the Legislature's Community Contingency Fund was unnecessary and inappropriate. By removing it and calling it a "slush fund," the County Executive ignored the fact that Legislators from both parties have used the fund to better the community in a bipartisan and almost always unanimous manner.

The Black & Asian Democratic Caucus will always make sure that our constituents in the City of Rochester are not afterthoughts, and going through County Executive Adam Bello's proposed 2022 budget to identify areas of concern or worthy of improvement will be one of the most important topics to focus on for the remainder of our terms and we will make sure it is done right.

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