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**Re: Public Records Request AR25-0631**

Dear Logan:

Your public records request received regarding records for any “names of individuals and/or companies the City of South Bend has denied press access” has been referred to me.

The purpose of the Indiana Access to Public Records Act (the “APRA”) is to provide, subject to certain limitations, access to records in the possession of the municipality. Under the APRA, a public agency is not required to answer questions or create a new record. See I.C. 5-14-3-3(f); *Handbook on Indiana’s Public Access Laws*, Office of the Public Access Counselor; and *Opinions of the Public Access Counselor* 9-FC-142; 11-FC-166; 13-FC-124; 13-FC-167; 20-FC-36.

You have requested information that has not been documented by the City in a record. Therefore, pursuant to APRA’s rule that a governing body is not required to create a public record, records responsive to your request cannot be furnished because no public record exists.

If you have any questions, you may contact our department at (574) 235-9241 or [apra@southbendin.gov](mailto:apra@southbendin.gov).

Sincerely,

*Danielle Weiss*

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