



## Legislation Text

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Council Members Moline, Hobbs, Komives, Gadus, McPherson and Grim

**Urging the Mayor to reverse his decision to cease communication with Toledo City Council; and declaring an emergency.**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor and the Toledo City Council are coequal branches of government; and

WHEREAS, local government works best when members of Council, the Mayor and his administrators can freely communicate with each other to discuss the issues and problems affecting the citizens of Toledo; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Toledo deserve a local government that is effective, transparent and accountable as well as leaders who are able to engage in civil discourse with each other; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022 Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz directed Members of his Administration to not communicate with Members of Council and canceled all upcoming meetings with Members of Council, resulting in Members of City Council to not receive responses from the Administration, even when related to citizens' concerns; and

WHEREAS, this action of the Mayor might encourage a more drastic use of legislative oversight powers authorized by the Charter in response to his decision; and

WHEREAS, the members supporting this resolution believe that the best interests of the citizens of Toledo are better served by the Mayor allowing for communication to occur between his Administration and Toledo City Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Mayor Kapszukiewicz should reverse his decision to cease communication with Toledo City Council, his Administration, and his Office.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property of the City, and for the further reason that this Resolution is required to be immediately effective in order to restore normal communication between the Office of the Mayor and City Council; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption or at the earliest time allowed by law.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 12, nays 0.

Passed: November 9, 2022 as an emergency measure: yeas 12, nays 0.

Attest:

Gerald E. Dendinger  
Clerk of Council

Matt Cherry  
President of Council

Approved:

November 14, 2022  
Wade Kapszukiewicz  
Mayor