

(7/8/09): Leslie Ghiz (R) & Cunningham Make Crude and Uncivilized Comments Regarding Michael Jackson

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The difference between Council Member Leslie Ghiz and Bill Cunningham is that Council Member Ghiz was elected by the people of Cincinnati. The CBC and Chamber should not be surprised when African Americans choose not come to Cincinnati after listening to Bill Cunningham trash Michael Jackson. The Cincinnati NAACP is shocked that an elected official did not have enough common sense or courage to call Bill Cunningham on the carpet as he made fun of the Jackson family in their time of mourning. "Ghiz spit in the face of his three children, family, and fans" Smitherman says. Representative Shelia Jackson Lee of Texas (D) disagrees with Council Woman Leslie Ghiz because the Congress extended a moment of silence and will recognize Michael Jackson with a resolution.

The Cincinnati Community must become serious about holding these elected officials accountable. If our community continues to allow people like Council Woman Leslie Ghiz to dehumanize Michael Jackson and dehumanize Council Woman Laketa Cole the institutional racism will never stop. Ghiz's comments come on the eve of the 100th NAACP National Convention in New York City. The Cincinnati NAACP will notify as many artists, business leaders, politicians, talk show hosts, writers, and blogs around the world about Council Woman Leslie Ghiz's comments. Smitherman says, "I know that artists who perform at the Macy's Jazz Festival would be very interested that a Cincinnati City Official on the day that Michael Jackson was being put to rest communicated to her constituents that he was not worthy of a moment of silence."

Council Woman's Leslie Ghiz's email address is leslie.ghiz@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Hit the link below to access the Leslie Ghiz on Bill Cunningham's show out of Cincinnati, Ohio.
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