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## **Hopefully, new Gary will rise from the ashes**

Gary is fiscally bankrupt. However, under current state law, Indiana cities are not allowed to file bankruptcy. Senate Bill 105 will change that.

Gary is out of money. It cannot afford to provide its citizens with basic civil services and, due to constitutional tax caps, Gary cannot generate enough revenue to continue to exist.

Gary is now dead, and as the dead cannot bury the dead, I would welcome a state-appointed manager to do the job. Our elected officials have allowed the diseases of ineptitude, corruption, cronyism and patronage to become terminal.

Gary has been on Distressed Unit Appeals Board life support, and last fall the voters pulled the plug. A state-appointed undertaker is needed now. I say R.I.P., Gary, you always will have a special place in my heart.

Perhaps with oversight from a state-appointed emergency manager, a new and better city will rise from your ashes, but first we can be sure that the very people who put Gary in the grave will try every trick in the book, including the race card, to poison the citizens against any "state takeover" of Gary so they can continue to feed on the corpse of this once-great city.

City Council candidate Tony Walker's recent use of slavery era terminology when discussing Senate Bill 105 underscores the truth that no one seems willing to confront. The truth is that racism killed Gary. Racist whites who fled Gary following the election of its first black mayor share the blame with racist blacks who ever since that election have insisted that Gary should always remain a black-dominated, black-controlled, black-oriented city.

It should be noted forever that the disease of racism was to blame for the death of the City of the Century.

Cullen B. Daniel

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