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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Council Clerk April Beggerow
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - February Report**
Date: 03/15/2021

General Update:

- Drafted and presented a Resolution Condemning Intimidation and Violence, Reaffirming Equality Under the Law, and Committing to Reviving Civility.
- Engaged in conversations on recent incidents of bias-driven intimidation and threats.
- Continued looking into the Revive Civility Ohio initiative .
- Discussed housing issues in Central Ohio; set up meeting with Executive Director of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio
- Discussions on the School Compensation Agreement; follow up with Administration on financial impact of residential development in Community Reinvestment Areas.

Constituent Hours

Constituent Hours were held on Monday, February 1 via Zoom; Constituent meetings were held on February 22 via Zoom.

You may sign up for email updates here (typically 1-2 per month): <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1: COVID Vaccine

Received form email from constituent regarding voluntariness of COVID19 vaccines and policy decisions.

Action:

Responded to constituent via email voicing support for science-based policy approaches and affirming that such decisions would likely continue to be made at the state and county level.

Response:

Continue to monitor vaccine efficacy research, production, and availability; continue to receive public health briefings on mitigation strategies and vaccine roll-out.

#2 Sewer Problems in Gahanna Heights

Received email from constituent inquiring about known sewer problems in Gahanna Heights.

Action:

Referred constituent to contact Director of Engineering.

Response:

N/A

#3 Various Tech/Streaming Concerns (follow-up)

Received emails from residents regarding City's use of technology and video streaming.

Update:

Technology improvements discussed at COTW including closed captioning; policy on streaming of city meetings being addressed by Marketing and Communications Department. Will request follow up.

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#4 Distracted Driving - HB 74

Received emails from constituent regarding testimony schedule for HB 74 on distracted driving statute updates.

Action:

Responded to constituent.

Response:

None.

#5 Girl Scouts Art Project (follow-up)

Received email from local Girl Scout regarding art project idea.

Update:

Girl Scout Troop decided on project; will table art/civic project until later date.

#6 Crescent at Central Park

Received emails from constituents regarding concerns about noise and environmental concerns about development at Crescent at Central Park.

Action:

Reviewed emails, responded as appropriate.

Response:

Raised questions during discussion on rezoning, discussed with constituents..

#7 Code Enforcement/Code Violations

Received emails from constituents regarding various code enforcement/code violation concerns.

Action:

Reviewed emails.

Response:

None at this time.

#8 Gahanna Non-Discrimination in Charter

Discussion with constituent regarding local non-discrimination language in Charter and Code.

Action:

Followed up via email referencing Charter Section 23.07.

Response:

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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