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To: Residents of Gahanna;  
Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski  
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter  
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers  
Re: **Constituent Update - February Report**  
Date: 03/21/2022

## **General Update - Events and Actions of February 2022:**

- Met with School Board Finance Chair Daphne Moehring to discuss issues related to City and School Board on February 2.
- Attended **Facilities Workshops** on February 10 and February 22.
- Attended partial School Board regular meeting on February 17.
- Collaborated with community members and Council Staff to write and present a **Black History Month Resolution**, highlighting **Big Walnut Country Club**; coordinated with Columbus Urban League President & CEO **Stephanie Hightower** to receive Resolution, leading to pledged support for event unveiling historical and commemorative site.

## **Constituent Hours**

April Constituent Hours will be held on **Monday, April 4** from **5:00 - 6:30pm** at City Hall - Council Office, 200 S. Hamilton Road, Gahanna.

Please join to discuss questions/concerns you may have or hear more about recent topics.

***You may sign up for periodic email updates from Merisa Bowers here:***

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## **Constituent Issues/Concerns:**

#1 Trash Collection on MLK Day/Holiday Mondays

Received follow up letter from resident regarding the importance of honoring Dr. King's legacy. Suggested that it would be respectful of history to avoid Monday trash collection, especially on MLK Day because Dr. King was assassinated while supporting striking sanitation workers. Follow up letter can be viewed [here](#).

#2 Funding for Gahanna Historical Society

Received copy of Capital Budget request memo and worksheet from Gahanna Historical Society representative submitted to State Senator Maharath and State Representative Lightbody.

#3 On-going discussion about Council Rules/Hearing of Visitors

Received further correspondence from constituent regarding modifications to Hearing of Visitors procedure.

#4 Fair Housing Legislation/Source of Income Protection

Continued to work on legislation; provided email update to Councilmembers on 2/4/22; received additional follow ups from constituent in support of legislation.

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#5 Transportation partnership between Uber, CVS, and other Healthcare providers  
Received email from constituent with article regarding pilot program in 43211 zip code that provides free Uber rides to residents going to job training and healthcare appointments.

## #6 Mask Policy

Received email from constituent regarding Administration's mask requirement in City buildings.

## #7 Race Policy

Received email from constituent regarding in support of of anti-discrimination policies and racial diversity, equal opportunity and unity in Gahanna and opposing "critical race theory" and anti-racism training, among other concepts.

## #8 "Citizens Academy"

Received email from constituent in support of creating "Citizens Academy" where public officials offer education and information about aspects of municipal government. Forwarded to colleagues for consideration, and recently provided to newly-hired Clerk of Council to consider.

## #9 Savern Place resident concerns regarding HS stadium placement

Received email from constituent regarding concerns about the impact to residents on Savern Place due to the pending placement of the High School stadium.

## #10 CRAs, School Compensation Agreement and YMCA Partnership questions

Received email from constituent asking for additional information on CRAs, school compensation agreement, and potential partnership between City and YMCA. Provided youtube links to resident from "[ED 101](#)" meeting and the [presentation from the YMCA](#) at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting.

## #11 Missing Person Ali Shegow

Fielded questions from residents and members of the Somali community regarding the search for Ali Shegow.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Merisa K. Bowers*

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