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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 - April Report***
Date: May 2, 2022

General Update - Events and Actions of April 2022:

- Attended the Gahanna Area Realty Association meeting on Friday, April 8 and toured a featured renovated home renovated and listed by a Gahanna-based realty company.
- Attended the final Winter Farmers Market of the season on April 20.
- Attended the **Make Gahanna Yours** City-wide litter clean up and the **E-Cycling and Shred-It** event at City Hall on April 23.
- Attended Planning Commission meeting on April 27.
- On-going research and community input on **Fair Housing Ordinance** including compilation of regional ordinances, obtaining zip code discrimination complaint data, and stakeholder conversations.



Constituent Hours

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

Please find me at the **Herb Day Event** and the **Herb 'n Arts Fair** at the Veterans Memorial Park on **Saturday, May 7.**

Further availability by emailing or calling if you'd like to discuss any issues!

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

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Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1 Backyard Chickens

Received an email from a constituent regarding reconsidering local ordinance on backyard chickens in Gahanna. Responded to constituent.

#2 Rental Registration ordinance language

Received email from constituent regarding language in rental registration ordinance update. Responded.

#3 Interest in Civic Involvement

Received email from constituent asking about opportunities for civic involvement with boards/commissions. Forwarded constituent link to onboard application portal and followed up.

#4 Distracted Driving follow up

Received further correspondence from constituent regarding distracted driving policy/education on policy.

#5 LGBTQ Rights - "What's the Difference between the Equality Act and the Ohio Fairness Act"

Received an email from a constituent with a link to a Columbus Dispatch article on LGBTQ rights as they relate to housing policy.

#6 Housing Policy

Received email from constituent in support of housing nondiscrimination policy and affordability standards.

#7 Rental Assistance

Received email from constituent seeking resources for rental assistance; responded.

#8 House Bill 616 Opposition

Received email from constituent asking Gahanna City Council for a resolution in support of LGBTQ and racial minorities; responded regarding proposed upcoming resolutions.

#9 e-Comment

Received email from constituent in support of e-Comment feature.

#10 Ward 1 backyard drainage concerns

Spoke with constituent who expressed concerns regarding ongoing flooding in backyard/yard lines across Brentwood/Royal Manor neighborhoods. Forwarded constituent information to Councilmember Renner.

#11 Proposed Development on North Hamilton Road

Received email from constituent in opposition to conditional use for Fine Line Autobody on North Hamilton Road; attended Planning Commission meeting to learn more and spoke with residents of abutting neighborhoods.

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Respectfully submitted,
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