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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 - March Report***
Date: April 25, 2022

General Update - Events and Actions of March 2022:

- Hosted Constituent Hours on Monday, March 7 at Council Office/City Hall.
- Attended Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheon on March 9 on DEI organizational policy development and implementation.
- Attended **State of the City** on March 24.
- Collaborated with community members and Council Staff to write and present a [Women's History Month Resolution](#), highlighting the **"Herb Ladies"**: Jane "Bunny" Geroux, Lucy Seeds, Ruth Rauchenstein, Trudy Miller and Ruth Wilked; presented to **Amanda Ferguson of the Ohio Herb Center**, recognizing her for being honored as a 2021 COSI STEM Star.

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 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:

<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1 Fair Housing Legislation/Source of Income Protection

Continued to work on legislation; received additional follow ups from constituents regarding legislation.

#2 Local Waste

Received email from constituent regarding trash/recycling company pick-up.

#3 Senate Bill 310 Discriminatory Covenants in Recorded Real Property Documents

Received email from constituent regarding above introduced legislation in Ohio Senate.

<https://legiscan.com/OH/text/SB310/id/2544742>

#4 On-going discussion about Council Rules/Public Input

Received further correspondence from constituent regarding modifications to public input/comment and council procedure.

#5 West Side Litter Clean Up

Received an email from a constituent asking about participating in a spring litter clean up; responded regarding tentative West Side Pride date in October.

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#6 Civic Involvement/Participation

Received email from constituent asking about opportunities to be involved with boards/commissions or other civic participation; responded.

#7 July 4 Fireworks

Constituents inquiring regarding date of Gahanna Independence Day Fireworks; followed up with question to Administration; date not yet announced.

#8 Distracted Driving

Discussed Distracted Driving resolution as requested by constituent; Distracted Driving presentation given by GPD; DD and Safe Driving Awareness resolution planned for August/September.

#9 Reducing Gahanna's Carbon Footprint

Received email from constituent inquiring about Gahanna's steps to reduce carbon footprint and fight climate change, including solar panels, electric vehicles, LED bulbs, and tree planting. Reviewed response from Councilmember Renner; responded regarding city-wide composting program.

#10 Senate Bill 317

Received email from constituent regarding Ohio Senate Bill 317 to prohibit discrimination in rental housing on the basis of sources of income. <https://legiscan.com/OH/text/SB317/id/2555236>

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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