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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Interim Council Clerk Pam Ripley
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: ***Constituent Update - January Report***
Date: 02/07/2022

General Update - Events and Actions of January 2022:

- Welcomed new **City Councilmembers Padova and Weaver** who were sworn in on January 2!
- Attended **Facilities Workshops** on January 13 and January 19.
- Attended School Board swearing-in on January 6 and School Board regular meeting on January 20.
- Meeting with City Attorney on **Fair Housing legislation** on January 31, determined next steps and timeline.
- Attended **School Facilities Workshop** on January 31.

Constituent Hours

Monday, March 7, 2022 at 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Council Office, City Hall

I will be available at Council Office, City Hall, 200 S. Hamilton Road, starting at 5pm on Monday, March 7 for questions or conversation.

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

<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1 Requests/Suggested Resolutions:

Council action on 1) on Housing and Transportation; 2) driving under the influence of electronic devices
Received correspondence from constituent regarding two “resolutions” requesting Council action on two items of particular importance to her. The constituent’s [correspondence can be viewed here](#).

#2 Hearing of Visitors Process

Constituent inquired about changing Hearing of Visitors process due to pandemic; engaged in email discussion with constituent about potential drawbacks and concerns of allowing email communication to be read by member of council; ongoing discussion to clarify rules on Correspondence and Actions item on regular meeting agenda.

#3 Utility Billing for New Homeowner

Received update from City Attorney on utility delinquency notice; follow up with homeowner; further information from administration pending as of 1/20/22.

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#4 Fair Housing Legislation/Source of Income Protection

Received follow up emails from Mary Dixon and Amy Klaben in support of SOI protection legislation.

#5 IMPACT Funding for Apartment Rejected by Property Manager

Received email from constituent asking for assistance because her apartment complex property manager rejected funding from IMPACT. Emailed AHACO for list of resources/support ideas; led to discussion/tie-in to policy paper received on Pay to Stay Legislation; followed up with constituent suggesting contact with the Housing project at Legal Aid Society of Columbus. Followed up with AHACO regarding property management company.

#6 Proposed Charter Amendment Ballot Language

Sent a letter outlining constituent concerns and information regarding process to Board of Elections; received email response from Director Antone White. Will follow up with City Attorney to help ensure that information is shared and problems avoided in the future.

#7 Distractions from Use of Internet while Driving

Follow up with constituent on Distracted Driving Awareness advocacy organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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