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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - February 2024 Report**
Date: March 15, 2024

General Update - Events and Actions of February 2024:

- Attended Scholar in Residence lecture at Tifereth Israel Congregation by Legal Scholar Dahlia Lithwick on the **1st Amendment's establishment and free exercise clauses** on February 2 with Gahanna residents.
- Met with Columbus Building Trades Council to learn about Building Futures Program for **skilled labor job training and placement and Community Benefits Agreements** on February 6.
- Joined Councilwoman Padova to meet with Westerville Councilwoman Megan Reamsnyder to learn about Westerville's **nonprofit funding** mechanisms and processes on February 7.
- Met with **Be SMART volunteers** on February 9 to learn more on **gun safety** training and advocacy programs.
- Worked with Council Clerk to prepare a Resolution honoring **Gahanna Police Officer Pertz, Sgt. Parrish, and Sgt. Sheasby** for February 19 ceremony.
- Heard from **childcare sector experts** at the Columbus Metropolitan Club Forum on February 14.
- Along with Councilman Weaver, participated in a meeting with new State Representative for HD 4 Beryl Brown Piccolantonio to **advocate for local government funding and capital project funding** for Gahanna on February 16.
- Heard from Tenth District Court of Appeals **Judge Terri Jamison**, Court of Common Pleas **Judge Stephen McIntosh**, and Municipal Court **Judge Jarrod Skinner** at a Black History Month Luncheon event by Women Lawyers of Franklin County on February 22.
- Hosted a **Constituent Hour with Councilman Weaver** at the Gahanna Library on Zoning and Land Use on February 22.
- Advocated for **state funding of municipal projects** to the office of newly appointed State Rep. (HD4) Beryl Brown Piccolantonio.
- Celebrated the "Roaring 20s" at the **Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation Gala** on February 24.
- Eased into self-care with Amanda Ferguson of the Ohio Herb Center at a Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce mixer at The Fable Collection on February 27.



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Constituent Hours

Constituent Hour for March will be held Saturday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gahanna branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. See front desk for location.

For updates on constituent hours and for periodic email updates from Councilwoman Bowers sign up here: <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

To schedule a meeting, coffee, or call, please email merisa.bowers@gahanna.gov or call 614-342-0040.

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Pedestrian safety article
Reviewed Dispatch article from constituent regarding pedestrian fatalities.
2. Street lights on Invicta Pl.
Received email from resident regarding street lights on Andalus, Colony, and Invicta; Director of Public Service responded; followed up with Director for update.
3. Ord. 2023-0069
Received constituent correspondence in support of revisions to traffic code.
4. Feedback on Hearing of Visitors comments
Received email from resident sharing thoughts and feedback on comment from a member of the public at the Feb. 19, 2024 meeting and responses thereto.
5. Water Billing
Resident expressed concern regarding delayed and incorrect water billing. Inquired with Administration, who advised that an internal investigation was being conducted. Followed up for more information.
6. Street Sweeping/Gutter Cleaning
Forwarded communication from a resident regarding significant debris in gutters. Received confirmation that resident was contacted.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Merisa K. Bowers
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