

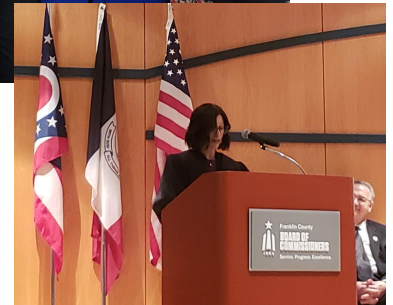
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To: Residents of Gahanna; Members of Council; Mayor Jadwin; City Attorney Ray Mularski
CC: Clerk of Council Jeremy VanMeter
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - January 2023 Report**
Date: February 3, 2023

General Update - Events and Actions of January 2023:

- Attended the **Opening Session of the 135th General Assembly** as guest of House District 4 Representative Mary Lightbody with Gahanna-Jefferson School Board President Beryl Piccolantonio and New Albany City Councilmember Andrea Wiltrout
- Attended the **Franklin County Commissioners Meeting** on January 3 for swearing-in of Franklin County Commissioner Erica Crawley
- Attended the swearing-in of 10th District Court of Appeals **Judge Carly Edelstein**
- Met with **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority Vice President of Planning and Development Bob Bitzenhofer** to discuss spectrum of housing options and rental support for working families on January 4
- Attended the **Greater Columbus Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Ceremony** at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on January 16
- Hosted **Constituent Hours** on January 17 in hybrid format (Zoom and in-person option)
- Attended the **Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting** at the Peak at Edison on January 19
- Attended first meeting of the newly-created **Fair Housing Board** on January 24



Above: Attending Opening Session of General Assembly with Rep. Lightbody and Friends; Judge Carly Edelstein



First Fair Housing Board members (L-R): Wally Contreras, Kylie Cooper-Cyrus, Jamile Jones

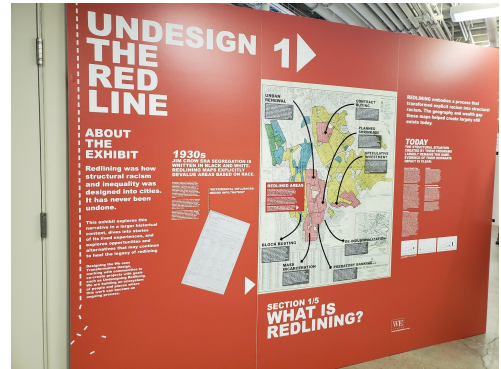
- Met with **MidOhio Food Collective Senior VP of Communications Michael Hochron** at the Reeb Center to learn about services in Gahanna and across the region and how the Collective

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works with local pantries; **viewed Redlining exhibit** on display at the Reeb Center on the history and impact of the practice of redlining which excluded non-White residents from designated areas of Central Ohio

- Assisted with drafting Black History Month Resolution and connecting with Gahanna resident **Miss Black Ohio America 2022, Indigo Stanley**
- Planned for and participated in **Quarterly City/School District meeting** on January 31 at Clark Hall where school board members, Superintendent, Mayor, and council members discussed facilities, parking, school safety, and other issues



“Undesign the Redline” Exhibit

Constituent Hours

I will host a constituent Hour on Monday, February 13 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and Via Zoom.

Zoom link [here](#).

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

<https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

1. Apiary/Beekeeping
Discussed recent effort by area beekeepers in Hilliard for residential beekeeping; follow up discussion with Amanda Black at Ohio Herb Center on Gahanna specific beekeeping history and status.
2. Residential noise complaint
Received email regarding on-going matter being handled by GPD/etc. No follow up needed.
3. Distracted Driving law
Received email from Patricia Kovacs who serves on BTAC regarding recently adopted distracted driving law at state level and identifying flaws of law.
4. Jahn Drive/Chesterfield Estates Parking
Ongoing discussion and correspondence regarding parking.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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