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To: Residents of Gahanna;
Members of Council;
Mayor Jadwin;
City Attorney Ray Mularski
Directors
CC: Council Clerk April Beggerow
From: Councilmember Merisa Bowers
Re: **Constituent Update - January Report**
Date: 02/15/2021

General Update:

- Drafted and presented a Resolution to recognize January 18, 2021 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Engaged in conversations on recent incidents of bias-driven intimidation and threats; discussed options for accountability and progress.
- Researched Revive Civility Ohio initiative including documents from organization and neighboring community resolutions on Civility.

Constituent Hours

Constituent Hours were held on Tuesday, January 19 via Zoom.
February Constituent Hours: Monday, February 1 via Zoom.

You may sign up for email updates here (typically 1-2 per month): <https://forms.gle/PMTu8eH5Fy4bN4Si8>

Constituent Issues/Concerns:

#1: COVID Vaccine

Received form email from constituent regarding voluntariness of COVID19 vaccines and policy decisions.

Action:

Responded to constituent via email voicing support for science-based policy approaches and affirming that such decisions would likely continue to be made at the state and county level.

Response:

Continue to monitor vaccine research and production, continue to receive public health briefings on mitigation strategies.

#2 Sustainability and Composting Program

Emails with constituent about SWACO initiatives including "Save More Than Food" composting campaign.

Action:

Engaged in conversation via email regarding above topics.

Response:

I will follow up with Administration regarding the status of sustainability programs and how to support and promote the work that has been initiated.

#3 Code Enforcement Concerns

Emails with constituent regarding use of violation database and various code issues.

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Action:

Constituent attended Zoom meeting to discuss concerns regarding use of code violation database, etc.

Response:

Will consider the concerns as funding of code enforcement officers and code enforcement infrastructure options are presented/considered.

#4 Gahanna Sanctuary as COVID Vaccine Distribution Site

Received email from constituent suggesting local venue for public health purposes.

Action:

Responded to constituent.

Response:

None.

#4 Girl Scouts Art Project

Received email from local Girl Scout regarding art project idea.

Action:

Met with Girl Scout Troop co-leaders and scouts to facilitate introduction to Gahanna Area Arts Council.

Response:

Troop will continue working on project idea with Arts Council, if I can support as liaison to City Administration, or provide other support, I will remain on call.

#5 Concerns about Brentwood Estates Code and Neighbor Issues

Received email from constituent regarding concerns about parked, disabled vehicles, improper disposal of trash, and stagnant water.

Action:

Responded to constituent, forward to Administration.

Response:

Pending.

#6 Open Burning Concerns

Followed up with constituent regarding December concerns about neighbor open-burning in wooded area.

Action:

Followed up via email to determine if further action needed.

Response:

None at this time.

#7 Status of Johnstown Road/Big Sky Apartment Project

Constituents requested status/process for apartment project since rezoning was approved.

Action:

Emailed Director of Planning Michael Blackford with questions.

Response:

Provided information to requesting constituents.

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#8 Stoneridge Kroger Delivery Noise Complaints

Action:

Reviewed emails from constituent(s) regarding delivery noise and afterhour commerce at Stoneridge Kroger. Reviewed emails/discussion from Mayor/Administration.

Reponse:

None at this time.

#9 Various Tech/Streaming Concerns

Received calls/concerns from residents regarding City's use of technology and video streaming.

Action:

Listened to concerns from constituents regarding various aspects of use of video streaming and virtual meeting technology. Requested the formation of a Technology Committee, discussed with Council President.

Response:

Pending.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Merisa K. Bowers

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