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Dear Mayor and Common Council Members,

I just wanted to take a minute to let you know how excited I was to see the plan to continue the Neighborhood Association grant program as well as provide continued funding for the ENGAGE Workshops and Community Conversations. Please keep those numbers as they are in the Mayor's proposed budget!

The Neighborhood Association grants are an essential part of getting new Associations started and keeping current ones going. Having sufficient funds means that Associations won't have to compete for grants which will promote a continued willingness to work together and help each other. As we are all volunteering our time for our Neighborhood Association roles, it is beneficial to have some projects that are funded with minimal effort instead of constantly needing to fundraise or look for other funding sources.

Suzanne has done an amazing job with the ENGAGE Workshops and the first one seemed to really connect community members and provide valuable information. The Community Conversations have been very important as well, especially since Suzanne is great at taking action right away, not just listening to ideas and feedback and then filing it away.

Please keep the positive momentum that Suzanne has created going and fully fund her position and projects! I think many of us working with Neighborhood Associations would say she is the perfect fit for her job and just what we needed!

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