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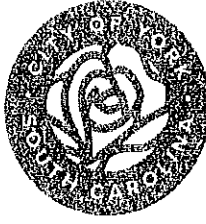
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Respectfully,

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February 9, 2023

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Dear York County Delegation:

Thank you for your continued support of our community as we face challenges posed by our continued growth and paired with continually facing macroeconomic challenges, such as inflation and supply chain issues. The City of York has responsibly utilized state, federal, and local resources over the last few years to address community needs, including replacing dilapidated infrastructure to improve our erratic performing water and sewer distribution systems, but also for environmental and recreational needs. As we continue to tussle with the burdens of inflation, unprecedented growth, more demand for public services provided, and an uncertain economic future, we humbly request assistance to address the additional community need. This request's foundation is based on a hotel study commissioned in June 2022 by the City by Core Distinctions for \$12,500 that was completed in the fall of 2023 with findings of a need for a hotel in the City paired with a hotel developer approaching the City to request incentives/grant funding.

As you know, the City remains devoted to improving the overall quality of life and preserving the City's historical character through infrastructure through timely upgrades to continue to develop sustainable, resilient, efficient, effective, and compliant infrastructure, community development, enhancing economic opportunities for new and existing businesses and recovering from the effects of the global pandemic paired with unprecedented macroeconomic variables. To this end, I bring this project to your attention for special funding assistance that is being requested:

- **S. Congress St. Hotel Project** – Total Project Cost \$16.0 Million
Total Request \$2.0 Million
City Contribution of Real Property Value Total \$525,000

Summary: To provide funding to assist in the construction of a proposed hotel. The City has committed to gifting the land that is valued at \$500,000 for this project but also gifting land that is valued at \$25,000 to the non-profit Path, Inc. to relocate to in order to provide the opportunity for this project to become a reality but also be responsible stewards of the community without compromising the loss of a long-standing non-profit Path, Inc. The prospective developer has also completed feasibility and market analysis studies for this proposed project.

- See Attachment for Hotel Renderings & Preliminary Project Cost Estimate

This project would be a focal point of the downtown area along S. Congress St. that would incorporate and continue the streetscape initiative along Congress St. Additionally, a new hotel in Western York County would increase customer traffic in the local businesses in the downtown area, provide the opportunity for more attendance at City and Community events, elevate the beauty of the historic downtown area of the City to accommodate for the continued growth and development that will yield both short and long-term benefits for the City and its current citizens and businesses, but also future citizens and businesses. Your assistance in identifying special funding for this project would be a tremendous benefit to the people of our community to continue the endeavor of increasing the residents' quality of life and for the future success of our region.

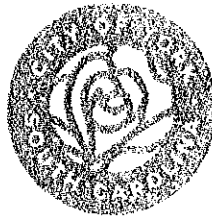
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- * • **Advanced Metering Infrastructure System Upgrade – Total Project Cost of \$1.855 million** to install into our current water distribution system, which is growing daily due in part to a variety of incurred and continued growth. The City would contribute \$300,000 for this project.
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All of these projects are vital to the continued growth and development, but also for the short and long-term operations and maintenance benefits for the City's staff of public services provided to the City's current citizens and businesses, but also future citizens and businesses. Your assistance in identifying special funding for any of these projects would be a tremendous benefit to the people of our community to continue the endeavor of increasing the residents' quality of life and for the future success of our region.

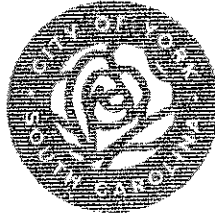
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