



July 29, 2016

Ross Black
City of Peoria
419 Fulton St
Peoria, IL 61602

Dear Ross:

As you know, the City of Peoria has had an ongoing partnership with Rebuilding Together Peoria (formerly Christmas in April ★ Peoria) for over 20 years.

Rebuilding Together Peoria (RTP) is a volunteer project that, in partnership with the community, rehabilitates the homes of low-income elderly, disabled, and military veteran homeowners so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety and independence. We provide assistance, free of charge, ranging from renovations involving plastering, painting, carpentry, plumbing, roofing, and electrical repair to general clean up.

RTP can make a difference in people's lives with the assistance of funds granted by the City of Peoria. Over our 23 year partnership we have worked on 241 houses within the City of Peoria. More specifically, RTP has assisted 134 homeowners in Council District 1, 40 homeowners in Council District 2, 58 homeowners in Council District 3, and 9 homeowners in Council District 4. The market value of RTP improvements consistently exceeds triple the amount of the grants received from the City of Peoria.

Being able to use Community Development funds in 2015 and 2016 has been a big success for Rebuilding Together Peoria as we have been able to complete work we may not otherwise have done. We are asking that the City of Peoria again allocate \$15,000 in funds for Rebuilding Together Peoria through this avenue for use in 2017. We will continue to reach out to homeowners in all Council Districts, with a goal of completing at least one house in each of Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4. These funds, along with individual and corporate donations, and thousands of volunteer hours will allow us to continue our valuable work throughout the City of Peoria.

We would gladly discuss this opportunity with you at your convenience.

Thank you again for your support of Rebuilding Together Peoria.

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