

December 9, 2014

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 21 year partnership we have worked on 237 houses within the City of Peoria. More specifically, RTP has assisted 132 homeowners in Council District 1, 39 homeowners in Council District 2, 57 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.

We are aware that the 2015 City of Peoria budget includes a Community Development project of \$25,000. Rebuilding Together Peoria would like to propose being the sub recipient of these funds to continue the work we have been doing over the past 21 years. 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.

Pam Howe

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