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Mayor Sharon Powell
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Dear Mayor Powell,

As the Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board, we fully support the City of Excelsior Springs RAISE Grant application for improving pedestrian safety on the Westside of Excelsior Springs.

Pedestrians have created pathways on Excelsior Springs' Westside because they do not have access to sidewalks. At best, these pathways are on grassy curbsides, at worst they are directly on streets which are rife with traffic. Individuals with handicapping condition, such as wheelchairs, who shop on the Westside are in significant danger due to inaccessibility and adequate safety protocols. The City's proposed Safe Streets and Sidewalks project will address these accessibility and safety issues on Excelsior's Westside.

The Chamber and City are currently partnering to establish a Westside Community Improvement District. The CID will improve the shopping experience by enabling property owners to collect revenues to finance projects to benefit Westside businesses. Once funded, the City's Westside Safe Streets and Sidewalks plan will be an essential addition to the CID.

The City's focus on improving safety on the Westside is a value added to our community and the Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports their \$20 million Safe Streets and Sidewalks application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Blauvelt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Janet Blauvelt
Chairman of the Board