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July 8, 2021

Sharon Powell, Mayor
City of Excelsior Springs
201 E. Broadway
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024

RE: Safe Streets and Sidewalk Grant Application

Dear Mayor Powell:

I write on behalf of the Excelsior Springs Hospital to share my support for the Grant Request made for the Safe Streets and Sidewalks project.

As the Chief Executive Officer for our City Hospital, I have had countless interactions with our City officials, healthcare providers and local businesses. We are all working in tandem to promote health and wellness in our community by offering safe living areas, nutrition, counseling, health and resources for our residents. Many areas throughout the community lack safe streets and sidewalk options. Our Parks and Recreation departments, along with the city have provided many phenomenal upgrades over the years, yet pedestrians with limited transportation options are often put into dangerous situations as they walk to and from their destinations. Our community members deserve to have access to safe walkways and streets. Having safe options that provide access for all ages not only provides a safe environment, but also an aesthetically pleasing picture as well. Good neighborhoods and businesses have clean and safe facades, with clean sidewalks and smooth roads. Unfortunately, due to funding, many of our residential and business areas just do not have access to resources to improve the conditions.

Our Excelsior Springs Community of Excellence work has focused on housing and healthcare for our community. Equally important is having safe access to our hospital, clinics, schools and Community Center. Leading the discussions over the past two years has been an initiative for safe access to these services. Our city leaders are enthusiastic about the prospect of improved resources to make this vision a reality.

I am pleased to support the efforts of the city to secure grant funding for our community's need for Safe Streets and Sidewalks. Your consideration for approval and completion of the project will improve the lives of many. Please give this application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Kristen T. DeHart

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Chief Executive Officer