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COLUMBIA COUNCIL

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RE: FY 24 CA Draft Budget

Dear Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors:

The Board of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) was disappointed to see that the Draft FY2024 CA Budget did not include a single Town Center project beginning on page 125. Some of our requested projects have been requested for more than a decade.

We would like to get a priority list of all village projects, not just Town Center's, to see where all projects stand in the pipeline. Regardless of whether they are priority projects 1-5, or fall within Categories I, II or III, there should be a full project list provided to all villages as was done in prior years.

As a reminder from our letters of October 13, 2022, December 28, 2022, and January 10, 2023, Town Center's project request list included the following:

1. **Install Elevator**: Will the CA Board ensure that CA will continue to build this critical project by granting approximately \$700,000 in one lump sum in FY2024 **and/or over multiple budget years** toward updating the construction plans so that the elevator will be on its way to becoming a reality. A \$300,000 State of Maryland grant was secured for CA to seed this project.
2. **Veranda Awning**: The plastic/vinyl awning panels on the Veranda need to be replaced as they are ripped in certain spots and do not close properly. Repeated attempts at repair are not effective. The awning panels were installed in January 2011. Vendors and clients complain about the awning panels not fully closing especially during Fall, Spring and Winter when temperatures are colder. We had to resort to using electric space heaters/fans at times to keep the area cooler or hotter depending on the conditions. \$15,000-\$40,000 estimate.
3. **Paint Entire Manor**: Paint the inside of Historic Oakland...last done 15 years ago and it is looking very tired. \$15,000-\$35,000 estimate.
4. **Replace Town Center Room Flooring**: The existing carpet is old and smelly. This room is used for Board meetings, events, and Sunday church. Replace existing carpeting with vinyl laminate wood flooring to match the upstairs. We have been getting complaints. \$10,000 estimate.

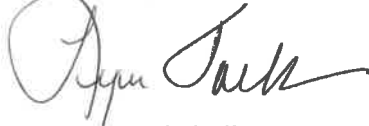
5. Install EV Charging Stations in the parking lot of Historic Oakland: 10-15% of our customers use electric vehicles. This is especially important for our wedding and special event customers. \$10,000-\$20,000 estimate.

When can we anticipate a written response and/or status update to our requests and a project list for all villages?

Without project updates the Town Center Board feels like it is wasting its time each year reviewing the CA Budget and submitting our requests if we never know the status of all projects.

Thank you for considering our request. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,



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