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The City Council
Niagara Falls, New York

*RE: Amendment of 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan
Department of Community Development*

Council Members:

As we continue to review operations in the Department of Community Development, the Administration believes that it is necessary to amend the City of Niagara Falls' 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Annual Action Plan that cover the use of Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") and Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funding received by the City from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan included a public space improvements goal. Given the increasing need to stabilize target neighborhoods, remove dangerous and blighting influences, and improve transportation safety in low- and moderate-income areas, targeted property demolition and road milling and paving are being added as priorities to the public improvement plans.

Amendments to the 2019 Annual Action Plan include the reprogramming of unused CDBG funds from the accounts listed below to be used in Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The funds targeted for reprogramming consist of unused funds, balances for programs that no longer exist, or funds unlikely to be used in a timely manner. If these funds are not expended, the City's federal grant allocations will be at risk of recapture by HUD. Funds will be allocated for activities that will allow for timely expenditures. The recommended reprogramming is as follows:

Line Items for Reprogramming – Total: \$1,209,882.07

2016 - Niagara Falls Dog Park - \$5,575.02
2018 - PB Placemaking - \$260,000.00
2018 - Niagara Falls Housing Authority, the Driving Force Youth Program - \$7,367.85
2018 - Community Development Placemaking \$10,000.00
2018 - Family & Children's Service of Niagara, Homeless Youth Counseling - \$80,000.00
2018 - Orleans/Niagara BOCES, Health Sciences Training - \$337.62
2019 - Participatory Budgeting - \$360,000.00
2019 - Niagara Falls Housing Authority, Youth Program - \$3,259.58
2019 - Heart, Love, and Soul, Project Daybreak - \$383,342.00
2019 - Isaiah: 61, Workforce Development - \$100,000.00

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Line Items for Funding Addition (FY 2019-20) - Total \$1,209,882.07

2019 - Low-income Area Vacant Housing Demolition & Clearance - \$500,000.00

2019 - DPW Target Area Road Milling and Paving - \$709,882.07

Will the Council so approve and authorize the aforementioned amendments and reprogramming?

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor