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Subject: Urge Support for the Track at Memorial Stadium

Dear Council Member Turner,

I urge your support for using American Rescue Plan funds for a public track at the neighborhood park at Memorial Stadium. The East End/Valley Street neighborhood has repeatedly asked for the track to be built for more than 10 years.

I have heard from a friend who lives in the neighborhood that the track is often a subject of conversation and people talk about their desire to be able to use it. I have also heard soccer players from out of the area refer to how great the refurbished soccer field at Memorial Stadium is. This raises the question for me--if the city has already ensured that soccer players from the neighborhood and beyond have a great space to play, can't the city bring to fruition a track that the neighborhood is explicitly requesting?

Please don't take this land to extend the existing soccer field to make a FIFA-compliant track that could attract tourists. Please do listen to an historically Black neighborhood that has seen plans for the track dashed in the past and say, "Yes," this time.

Thank you for your consideration for making the track at Memorial Stadium a reality.

With appreciation for your service,

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