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To: esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com
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Subject: Support a Track at Memorial Stadium

Dear Mayor Manheimer:

I am writing to ask for your help for our City to make good on our promises to East End/Valley Street neighbors by setting aside American Rescue Plan funds to build a track at Memorial Stadium. This has been a 10-year request of our neighbors.

As we talk of reparations and racial equity, one thing the City could do to build trust and do racial equity is to keep its promises to the Black community regarding the track at Memorial Stadium. By keeping this commitment, and others around reparations, the City will build trust and help repair the harms of the past and the ongoing harm to Black community members.

I join my voice with the chorus of East End/Valley Street neighbors and call for the City to improve Memorial Stadium in ways that support neighborhood use and to set aside ARPA funds for the following purpose:

- *Build a 6 lane track around the entire field for neighbors to use for regular exercise
- *Reduce the field by 6 yards (this still being FIFA compliant)
- *Remove bleachers from the far side and only have bleachers on the side closest to McCormick Field
- *Create a parking plan for Memorial Stadium

Thank you for hearing the concerns of the East End/Valley Street neighbors and for following through on your promises to Asheville's African American communities.

I appreciate your work in our community,
Keaton Hill
N Asheville Community resident