College/Glen Neighborhood Association

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To: Mayor's Community Budget Meeting

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Regarding: Return of Community Cell Tower Funds

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association Board suggests that the City budget for 2016/17 include a provision to begin the process of returning the neighborhood cell tower revenues that were redirected to assist in closing the City's budget shortfalls during the past few years to the community accounts that they were redirected from. The City's new Impartial Auditor has confirmed that City has regained "fiscal sustainability" (base operating cost are less than base revenues) and the budget shortfall has been resolved. It is time for the City to thank the neighborhoods for their sacrifices and patience and design a plan that restores the funds in the respective neighborhood accounts in a systematic manner so that it does not adversely impact the current budget while not prolonging the denial of access of these funds to the neighborhood from which they were redirected.

Thank you for asking our community for input for this year's City budget. We hope that the City will act on this issue in a fiscally responsible manner including return all of the redirected cell tower revenues plus interest at the legal rate, and resume the annual payments to the appropriate neighborhood accounts. In addition, we suggest that the City present each neighborhood, impacted by the redirection of their cell tower funds, with a resolution noting the City's appreciation for their community support and sacrifice.

Thank you again for this opportunity to participate in the development of the 2016/17 City Budget.

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