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WTNA-Access to Water An Appeal to the City of Charleston

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Dear Councilman William Dudley Gregorie:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you in my capacity as the President of the Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association, to ardently advocate for enhanced access to our invaluable waterfront and natural areas that are integral parts of our community's character and historical richness.

We are extremely grateful for your continuous support and advocacy on behalf of our neighborhood, and we earnestly seek your attention and assistance on a matter of pressing concern to our residents. Wagener Terrace, as you know, boasts a rich tapestry of eclectic, historic homes intertwined with the sublime beauty of the Ashley River and Halsey Creek. However, it has come to our attention that there is a significant lack of maintained public access to these essential waterfront areas, which are cherished assets to our community.

Attached to this email, you will find a detailed letter outlining various locations and proposals that we firmly believe could significantly enhance the value, accessibility, and enjoyment of these waterfront areas for our residents. These proposals encompass a range of thoughtful recommendations, including the restoration and improvement of public docks, installation of benches, pathways, and historical signage, native plant restoration, and collaborating with various stakeholders, such as local homeowners and organizations like the Citadel.

Our community is teeming with residents who are deeply passionate about preserving and enhancing the natural beauty and historical significance of our neighborhood. We are confident that these proposed improvements would not only beautify our surroundings but also foster a stronger sense of community, historical appreciation, and environmental stewardship among our residents, as well as future generations.

We are highly conscious and appreciative of the City's resources, and we stand ready to collaborate closely, bringing to the table various non-profit organizations and community members who are willing to contribute through donations and fundraising efforts. Your leadership and support in helping us navigate the bureaucratic and logistical pathways to bring these proposals to fruition would be profoundly appreciated.

We eagerly look forward to an opportunity to discuss these proposals further and to collaborate closely with you and other City officials in the implementation of these transformative improvements to our neighborhood's waterfront and natural areas.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and unwavering support.

Warm regards,

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President, Wagener Terrace Neighborhood Association

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