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Dear Property/Business Owner:

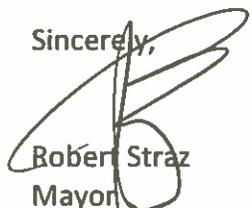
On behalf of the City of Palos Heights City Council, I would like to introduce the Business Improvement Program to the Palos Heights business community.

This program expands and replaces the Façade Improvement Program by adding parking lot and sidewalk improvements to enhance walkability of commercial areas, particularly in the Olde Palos Shopping District. This expanded program is designed to provide commercial property owners and business owners like you an incentive to reinvest in your business or property. In addition, the program works to help retain existing businesses and to enthusiastically encourage new businesses to locate in the City. The program aims to enhance the image and environment of the City's business district and helps to promote economic activity. This program is part of several recommendations made by the City of Palos Heights Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by the City Council in June, 2008 and updated in 2019. Funding for the program is derived from the revenue generated by the City's sales tax; not from the general real estate tax revenue.

Since its creation, many businesses have taken advantage of this program. Due to its success, we plan to continue to promote and encourage the business improvements throughout the business community with this program. Owners or operators may participate by applying at City Hall. The City has prepared criteria and an application packet that must be submitted for consideration of each project. The program reimbursement grants are competitively awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as funding is available.

We look forward to working with you in the future to further enhance the business climate of the City of Palos Heights and we hope that this program will add to that effort.

Sincerely,


Robert Straz
Mayor
City of Palos Heights