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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to Part Five of my regular updates and reports on community issues and opportunities. Since my last message, much has happened in our region, across the state, and nationally which impacts all of us.

On Friday June 5th, a peaceful student-led protest march in support of social justice took place along Clayton Road starting in the City of Ladue and ending at Mason Road in Town and Country.

First, I would like to commend the student organizers, the professional staff of Town and Country, and our neighboring communities and agencies that successfully collaborated to facilitate such a large undertaking safely and efficiently, on very short notice, resulting in no incidents. I also credit our staff with communicating quickly with our residents and the business community as information became available.

As your Mayor, it is my responsibility to maintain our City's commitment to social justice and equality. Chief Cavins and our entire Police Department have continually implemented modern community-oriented policing to make our community safe for residents, businesses and visitors. [Click here](#) to view a comprehensive annual report of police department calls for service, training and personnel, which is updated on a yearly basis and posted on our website and Transparency Portal.

I am confident all our Board members and staff join me in our ongoing commitment to ensure Town and Country is a place where all are welcomed and treated fairly.

- [Parks and Recreation Updates](#)

Effective Monday June 15th tennis courts, restrooms and park pavilions will once again be open, the pedestrian trails go back to both directions, and some camps will begin with safety restrictions in place. Please continue to practice social distancing, wear your mask and use good hygiene. Pursuant to County regulations, playgrounds are still not open. Park pavilions and Longview Park Farmhouse rooms can now be reserved for special events. Please visit our [City Website](#) for more information.

- [COVID-19 Related Budget Impacts](#)

As I have previously reported, sales tax receipts – the City's single largest revenue source – will be significantly impacted due to restaurant and retail store closures. Predictably, businesses have been slow to reopen now that restrictions are being gradually lifted. Consumer response has been similarly paced. As a result, we estimate that by the end of our calendar year, sales tax revenue will be down by

approximately 45% or \$3.4 million compared to 2019 receipts. Looking forward to 2021, we anticipate slow recovery through the first part of the year. This could mean an additional 15% or \$500,000 in revenue decline compared to 2019. Additional declines in City revenue are projected for permits, business licenses fees, facility rentals and commercial utility taxes. While we are addressing the revenue declines now with decreases in current expenditures, long-term planning will begin next month during our regular 2021 budget development process.

- City Meetings

We continue to conduct our City meetings via Zoom and broadcasting them to the public. City meetings can be viewed on our YouTube channel or reviewed later in the Agenda Center on our website.

- COVID-19 Cases

Once again, I am pleased to report that COVID-19 cases are continuing their downward trend. I am thrilled to see that with each update from the St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force that the number of discharged patients is constantly increasing. Below is the data from their latest update received on June 17:

- New hospital admissions (data lagged two days) increased – from 10 yesterday to 17 today.
- The seven-day moving average of hospital admissions (data lagged two days) stayed the same at 14 today.
- The seven-day moving average of hospitalizations decreased – from 252 yesterday to 246 today.
- Inpatient hospitalizations decreased – from 250 yesterday to 232 today.
- The number of patients in the ICUs decreased – from 59 yesterday to 57 today.
- The number of patients on ventilators decreased– from 34 yesterday to 31 today.
- Across the system hospitals, 27 COVID-19 patients were discharged yesterday, bringing the cumulative number of COVID-19 patients discharged to 2,629.

Special thanks for the outstanding work of our police department and their constant commitment to keeping us safe and secure especially during these challenging and uncertain times. Finally, please plan to get out and enjoy the beautiful park and trail amenities we have to offer now that they are opening up.

Best wishes and most of all, please stay healthy and safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon".