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Ms. Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning
City of Bethlehem
10 E. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dear Ms. Heller,

This past year citizens of Bethlehem, led by the Lehigh Valley Sierra Club and the South Side Initiative of Lehigh University, have worked on a proposal for a Pedestrian/Biking Bridge across the Lehigh River. This cooperative effort led to a series of public meetings, which highlighted the positive impacts the bridge would have on the City.

Such positive impacts include economic growth, unification of North and South Bethlehem, recreational opportunities, tourism, cultural connections, connections of natural trails and greenways, and the safety of our citizens.

The Bethlehem EAC unanimously endorses efforts to build a pedestrian bridge across the Lehigh River in Bethlehem and we support the City's efforts to secure funding for a feasibility study for the project. A pedestrian bridge furthers the City's goals stated in the 2009 Walkability Study, the 2016 Trails Study, Vision Zero and the recently passed Climate Action Plan.

The EAC believes this bridge is important to the continued success and sustainability of our city. We are proud that the Administration is working on this initiative and are willing to assist as needed.

Respectfully yours,

Lynn Rothman

Lynn Rothman, Chair

on behalf of the Bethlehem EAC:

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cc: Mayor Donchez, Bethlehem City Council