



# CITY OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS

#1 GARY K. ANDERSON PLAZA

DECATUR, ILLINOIS 62523-1196

January 23, 2018

Cindy Deadrick  
Decatur-Forsyth Classic

Decatur, Illinois 62522

Dear Cindy,

In November 2017, you received a letter regarding the City of Decatur's anticipated \$3.2 million 2018 budget deficit. Since that time the City did, in fact, adopt a deficit budget and we are continuing our planning in an effort to address this shortfall in 2018 and beyond.

As you know, we have been reviewing all city expenses to help close this gap, including a review of funding provided to agencies such as yours. Again, this action should in no way be seen as a reflection of the services you provide, but a necessary step in making a financially responsible decision on how to best fund critical community services. **As part of this review, we are requesting that you provide us with your most recent audited financial statements and any other documentation that you think might be helpful in detailing your financial condition by Monday, February 5, 2018.**

This request is so that we can have all information necessary to make an informed decision should cuts in addition to those internal cuts that the City has already made be necessary. You can email this information to me at [Btyus@decaturil.gov](mailto:Btyus@decaturil.gov) if you have it in an electronic format, deliver in person to our offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Decatur Civic Center or send via mail to the following address:

Billy Tyus – Deputy City Manager  
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1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza  
Decatur, IL 62523

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Respectfully,

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Sue Lawson

Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (CONO)

[REDACTED]  
Decatur, Illinois 62521

Dear Sue,

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Jim Culbertson  
Decatur Municipal Band

Decatur, Illinois 62522

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