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### **COUNCIL APPROVES \$120 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE BOND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Today, Councilmember Emerald and her council colleagues approved a \$120 million infrastructure bond to fund fire stations, sidewalks, city streets, and libraries.

With the approval of this bond, upgrades to our public safety infrastructure will be enhanced in District Nine and throughout the City. Specifically in District Nine, the construction of a new 10,760 square feet, three-story Fire Station 17 in City Heights will be fully funded with a projected cost of \$11 million. Station 17 is located at 4206 Chamoune Avenue and is in close proximity to all mid-city neighborhoods including Talmadge and Kensington. Construction is anticipated to begin in October 2014 and to be completed in March 2016. This bond also sets aside \$2 million for design and land acquisition for a future Fire Station in the vicinity of Home Avenue.

Councilmember Emerald stated, "As Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I am pleased that this bond will implement the needs outlined in our 5 Year Fire-Rescue Plan. This bond financing will begin to address the much needed public safety infrastructure and service deficiencies. Fire Station 17 in City Heights is one of the busiest engine companies in the mid-city area and the expansion of this existing fire station will provide safer neighborhoods for our residents."

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