

To the Mayor and City Councilors,

Thank you for considering this very important issue.

A fragrance-free value statement is an excellent first step and I encourage you to adopt it.

However, if the Commons is to be truly accessible to all, a strong policy such as the one adopted by the Centers for Disease Control is necessary. I ask you to take this additional step so that employees and volunteers using the building regularly would be fragrance free.

As you know, the chemicals in fragranced products can be harmful to all. The elderly, the disabled and especially the children should be able to use the Commons free from chemical exposures.

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