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To our Common Council Members:

I represent a local non-profit organization, Focus on Community, and I am writing in regards to a run/walk fundraiser we are working on organizing. We are celebrating our 30th year in substance abuse prevention and continue to provide valuable programs in not only prevention, but in youth leadership, youth development and social skill building for both youth and adults. We hope to hold our first ever run/walk for prevention this fall and as a step in the process I am writing to briefly detail the event as a request for permission to use a few city roads the day of the event.

We are looking to hold the event as a kick off to *Party on the Pavement* on the morning of October 2nd. The Downtown Racine Corporation has agreed to allow this event and will be primarily run by Focus on Community staff and volunteers. We would like to run the event along the lake front beginning on Pershing Park Road, then along the walking path behind festival hall, along Christopher Columbus Dr, again on the walking path behind the Radisson, along the river and back around to Lake Ave. The race will conclude at the end of Lake Avenue in front of Gateway.

Our road use would consist of one lane on Pershing Park Rd, one lane on Christopher Columbus, a crossing over Gas Light Drive and a half lane along Lake Ave as well as use of the walking paths. The events will consist of a 5k run/walk for all ages and a kids fun run for 11 and under. The 5k will begin at 8:30 and end at approximately 10:00a.m. The kids run will begin at 10:15, but will not require the use of any roads. Any road usage will no longer be needed as the last runner passes through each section of road.

We would love the opportunity to come and present our plan to the Council upon your request. We thank you for your consideration and support in this matter and look forward to being able to provide the City of Racine with a wholesome and fun event the whole family can enjoy.

A map of the rout is also included.

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