



GLADSTONE HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2019 Senior Graduation Party

March 8, 2019

Dear Gladstone City Council:

I would like to make a formal request to the City Council on behalf of the Class of 2019 Grad Party Planning Committee for a donation from the City of Gladstone towards our fundraiser to help pay for this year's grad party.

The Gladstone HS Substance Free Grad Party is a parent-sponsored, substance free all-night party. The goal of the party is to provide a safe and fun celebration. The Grad Party is **not** a school sanctioned event and all the planning and fundraising is done by the parents of the graduation class. This year's party is scheduled for June 12th 2019 right after the graduation ceremony wraps up.

The funds for the graduation party come from a variety of fundraising activities, and we have worked tirelessly to raise funds. The first method of funding is the sale of tickets that the graduates purchase for the event. However, at this point roughly two-thirds of this year's Seniors have **not** yet purchased their ticket. We expect this to be due to the large number of families who are experiencing financial hardship. We don't want these young men and women to miss out on the celebration of all of their hard work and no one will be turned away. This just means we have to raise more money than we had originally planned to.

To fundraise for this event, we have already completed 12 fundraisers and there are about 8 more events planned between now and the event. To date we have raised only about half of what we had hoped for and we are running out of time.

The City of Gladstone has made a significant donation for this event as far back as our committee has records for previous years' fundraising logs. We are writing to request that the City donate to this worthy cause again this year.

If needed a tax ID number is provided below should the City need that for tax purposes.

We thank you in advance for your support and truly appreciate any donation you can make. **Our sponsors will be recognized in our end of the year school newsletter, which is sent to all Gladstone High School families.**

Sincerely,

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Tax I.D. #20-3697725 for charitable deduction