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CITY HALL CLOSED ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 15, 2010 — Ann Arbor City Hall is closed today, Thursday, April 15, 2010, due to high levels of carbon monoxide, which may be a result of construction activities. City Hall is expected to reopen tomorrow, Friday, April 16. Today, City Hall is closed to all staff and customers.

Yesterday at approximately 1:30 p.m., an alarm on the first floor of City Hall was activated indicating high levels of carbon monoxide. Using the fire alarm system, all employees were immediately evacuated from the building while properly equipped fire personnel surveyed the building with testing equipment to determine actual carbon monoxide levels. Elevated, hazardous readings were found on all floors in City Hall. As a result, City Hall was closed for the remainder of Wednesday as well as Thursday.

Preliminary investigation indicates the carbon monoxide was generated by an excavator working in a depression on the southwest side of Larcom between City Hall and the new 15th District Court and Police building. Given strong winds from the south and uncapped wiring access tubes installed low in the basement wall, it appears that exhaust from the machine was sucked into the building and then sucked through the stairwells and elevator shafts to other parts of City Hall.

City Hall is expected to reopen on Friday, April 16, but only after carbon monoxide levels have been tested and a safe reading is confirmed. Updates will be provided on www.a2gov.org as available.

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