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March 12, 2014

Honorable Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor

Dear Mayor Segarra:

Please find attached the following resolutions that were passed at a regular meeting of the Court of Common Council on March 10, 2014. I have duly certified these documents and respectfully send them to you for your review.

Kelly Bilodeau
Assistant Town Clerk.

Approve
#10, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, 18, 19, 20
Veto

(Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor

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March 11, 2014

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 10, 2014, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Hartford Fire Insurance Company plans to make certain off-site improvements to its main campus on Asylum Avenue; and

Whereas, Some of the improvements involve the modification of its existing driveway on Asylum Street to better align the driveway with the traffic light and the intersection and the installation of a new sidewalk along Asylum Street compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

Whereas, In order to complete the improvements, The Hartford Fire Insurance Company must relocate the existing sidewalk approximately five (5) feet further away from Asylum Street and onto its private property; and

Whereas, In order to make the new sidewalk available for the public way, The Hartford Fire Insurance Company has offered to donate to the City a permanent easement for that purpose; and

Whereas, The City of Hartford recognizes the benefit to the area that the improvements will provide; now, therefore, be it


Resolved, That the Mayor is authorized to accept, from The Hartford Fire Insurance Company, on behalf of the city, such permanent easements as may be required to provide access for the public over certain property currently owned by The Hartford Fire Insurance Company along Asylum Avenue, such easement area to the east of The Hartford Fire Insurance Company to be approximately 100' X 8' (800 square feet) and the easement area to the west to be approximately 85' X 5' (425 square feet); and be it further

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to effect the above transaction; and be it further

Resolved, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to accept and record such easement documents, execute such other documents, or take any of the other aforesaid actions; and be it further

Resolved, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

Attest:


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Whereas, The City of Hartford desires to enter into a Lease Agreement ("Agreement") for approximately 1,721 square feet of office space at property owned and operated by the Hispanic Health Council Foundation, Incorporated ("HHCFI") located at 175 Main Street to house the Women Infant and Children (WIC) program which is relocating from 575 Park Street; and

Whereas, The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years, with three (3) one-year renewal options and the lease payment shall be two thousand two hundred twenty three dollars (\$2,223) per month and parties to the agreement shall have the right to terminate the PLL Agreement at any time by providing the other party with sixty (60) days prior written notice of such termination; and

Whereas, The City of Hartford acting by and through the Hartford Redevelopment Agency ("Agency") desires to enter into a Parking Lot License Agreement ("PLL Agreement") with HHCFI for 7,507 square feet of Agency-owned land located at 20 John Street in the Agency's Main-John-Hudson Street Project Area ("Project Area") for the purpose of providing approximately twenty-one (21) parking spaces for staff and clients of the WIC Program; and

Whereas, The term of the PLL Agreement shall be three (3) years with three one-year options to renew, compensation shall be \$1.00 per year, and both parties shall have the right to terminate the PLL Agreement at any time by providing the other party with sixty (60) days prior written notice of such termination; now, therefore, be it


Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with the HHCFI in accordance with the above terms and conditions and the Mayor and the Chairman of the Agency are hereby authorized to enter into a Parking Lot Agreement in accordance with the above terms and conditions; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

Resolved, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

Resolved, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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Whereas, The Advisory Commission on Food Policy was established for the purpose of integrating all agencies in Hartford in a common effort to improve the availability of safe and nutritious food at reasonable prices for all residents, especially those in need; and


Whereas, The Commission is composed of fifteen members who serve three-year staggered terms; and

Whereas, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has reappointed Valentine Doyle to the Commission, now, therefore; be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the reappointment to the Advisory Commission on Food Policy of

Valentine Doyle (D) 117 Brown Street, Hartford, 06114
Reappointed to a term expiring on April 13, 2016.

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Whereas, The Commission is composed of fifteen members who serve three-year staggered terms; and

Whereas, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has appointed Valerie J. Bryan to the Commission; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment to the Advisory Commission on Food Policy of

Valerie J. Bryan (D) 180 Beacon Street, Hartford, 06105
Appointed to a term expiring on April 13, 2016.
(Filling a vacancy)

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 10, 2014, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The City of Hartford has been notified by the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut of the availability of approximately \$33,237 in Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) grant funds provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

Whereas, The City proposes to use these grant funds to pay for utilities and other costs of the operation of the City-owned Stewart B. McKinney Shelter which serves homeless men by providing beds, dinner, breakfast, and showers; and

Whereas, The EFSP funds may be used for expenses between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor, through the Director of Health & Human Services, is authorized to accept approximately \$33,237 in FEMA EFSP grant funds, through the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, such funds to be used to pay for utilities and other costs of operation of the McKinney Shelter; and be it further


Resolved, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds; and be it further

Resolved, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions; and be it further

Resolved, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 10, 2014, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues is charged with assisting in the elimination of bigotry, discrimination and prejudice against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered persons; and

Whereas, The Mayor has appointed Kamora L. Herrington as a member of the Commission on LGBT Issues; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment to the LGBTI Commission of:

Kamora Le'Ella Herrington (WF), 385 Broadview Terrace, Hartford, 06106
Appointed to a term expiring June 8, 2016.

Attest:

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 10, 2014, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Commission on Cultural Affairs is responsible for assessing the conditions and needs of the arts community, developing an arts policy for approval by the Court of Common Council, and reviewing and commenting on various arts proposals; and

Whereas, The Mayor has reappointed Carlos Hernandez Chavez and Susan Hood as members of the Commission on Cultural Affairs; and

Whereas, The Mayor has appointed A. Lloyd Carter, Andre Rochester, Cynthia Buloung, Eswan Keyes, Ira Revels, Nina Salazar, Linda Luz Carrillo, Olusanya Bey, Shelli McMillen Soto, and Steven Ginsberg as members of the Commission on Cultural Affairs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointments of the following individuals as members of the Commission on Cultural Affairs:

Carlos Hernandez Chavez (D) 76 Oxford Street, Hartford 06105
Reappointed to a term expiring May 11, 2017

A. Lloyd Carter (R) 300 Sargeant Street, Apt. 1, Hartford 06105
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2016
(Replacing Abby Brooks)

Andre E. Rochester (D) 72 Lebanon Street, Hartford 06112
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2016
(Replacing Amy Mielke)

Ira Revels (D) 385 Broadview Terrace, Hartford 06106
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2017
(Replacing Doreen Stern)


Nina Salazar (D) 232 Fairfield Avenue, Hartford 06114
Appointed to a term expiring May 2015
(Replacing Matthew Poland)

Shelli L. McMillen Soto (U) 555 Asylum Street, Apt. 105, Hartford 06105
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2016
(Replacing Thomas Rome)

Cynthia Bulaong (U) 140 Huyshope Avenue #624, Hartford 06106
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2017
(Replacing Stephen Haynes)

Eswan Keyes (U) 32 Clifton Avenue, West Hartford 06107
Appointed to a term expiring May 11, 2015.
(Filling a vacancy)

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Resolved, That Kennard Ray (WF) from 32 Elm Street Apt. 4, Hartford, CT 06106 is hereby appointed as Commissioner to the Board of the Metropolitan District Commission to a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Attest:

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Resolved, That Georgiana E. Holloway (D) of 303 Enfield Street, Hartford, CT 06112, is hereby appointed as a Commissioner to the Metropolitan District Commission to a term expiring December 31, 2014.

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Whereas, PROM night is one of the most important events that a graduating youth can look forward to during their time in High School; and

Whereas, Operation PROM is a national non-profit organization that has been making dreams come true since 2005 by providing dresses, tuxedos and more to deserving students who otherwise could not afford them; and

Whereas, The Hartford City Council and Hartford Public Schools are institutions that support young Hartford residents to achieve their education and life dreams whenever possible; and

Whereas, Hartford has been added this year to the list of cities where Operation PROM offers the opportunity for students who fulfill specific requirements according to the organization of the event, and are on the path of graduation and cannot afford a dress or a tuxedo; and

Whereas, There is no request from the Operation Prom organization and other sponsors of the event for any City contributions, or fee waiver approval; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council approves this event to be held on Sunday, April 6th 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hartford City Hall located at 550 Main Street with no fee waivers, no liability to the City of Hartford and the event must be free and open to the public.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 10, 2014, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Legislative Package to the General Assembly is a document prepared annually for presentation to Hartford's state representatives; and

Whereas, This document is to be presented as an inclusive consensus among elected City officials including members of Court of Common Council and the Mayor; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the additions and changes below be promptly acted upon and included in the Legislative Package 2014 to the General Assembly.

2014 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA – CITY OF HARTFORD SUMMARY NOTES, reviewed by CITY COUNCIL

As the 2014 Legislative Session begins, the City of Hartford urges the Connecticut General Assembly to consider the following legislative solutions:

JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The City of Hartford recognizes that many of its young minority males (and females) receive unjustly harsh sentences. Professional organizations and high courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, have called for changes in laws affecting youthful offenders and inadequate legal defense. The General Assembly must implement measures consistent with these developments, especially for flexibility in criteria for sentence modification and parole hearings.

ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATORY SENTENCING BASED ON RACE

The State Legislature should immediately implement a program to eliminate discrimination in sentencing of Black and Latino youth. This is a blatant violation of the civil rights of these children and these families. This discrimination in sentencing is fully documented; no further study has to be done. The Legislature needs to immediately develop a program to eliminate

discriminatory sentencing by judges, violation of rights by prosecutors, poor representation by public defenders. It must require immediate training of judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and others that support discriminatory sentencing. A system is needed for monitoring the conduct and statistics of judges, prosecutors and public defenders regarding violation of civil rights of groups of people, based on their race. These statistics should be used to determine whether or not individuals should be disciplined for violating civil rights laws.

PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AFTER INCARCERATION.

It is estimated that more than one in three individuals in the City of Hartford and in urban centers throughout the State of Connecticut have had some interaction with the criminal justice system, it is incumbent upon the State of Connecticut to implement a system that PROHIBITS discriminatory sentencing of people of color, and PROHIBITS discrimination against individuals who have served their time and paid their debt to society, with measures such as "Ban the Box" adopted for wider implementation in public and private sectors. It costs Connecticut taxpayers far less money to provide the necessary supports to keep people out of prison and employ them than it costs to incarcerate them. It is also much more humane to help people rather than to throw them into cages, behind bars, for years at a time, separate them from loved ones, deprive their children of a father OR mother, and keep them from employment, health care, mental health supports and economic opportunities, when they finally released from prison.

IMMEDIATELY RELEASE NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS FROM CONNECTICUT PRISONS

The inhumane incarceration of so many Black and Latino men and women has led to a disaster for Connecticut's economy. It costs BILLIONS to maintain a discriminatory system designed to denigrate an entire group of people based on their race. Connecticut taxpayers cannot afford to continue this type of detention of Connecticut residents based on their race.

We call for the State of Connecticut Legislature to immediately implement a program to release at least 1200 non-violent offenders, and to place them in programs designed to confidentially monitor them in their communities, provide assistance to all individuals released from prison to obtain their birth certificates, and funding for them to obtain drivers licenses immediately upon release. We also ask the legislature to identify housing scattered throughout the communities, that will allow individuals who have paid or are paying their "debt to society" an opportunity to live in privacy, decency, and to ensure that every person released from Connecticut prisons has adequate and immediate health care, vocational training, mental health assessment and treatment, counseling that is culturally competent and adequate food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, and protection of their privacy in every employment contact, by banning any discrimination against felons and individuals released from Connecticut prisons. This includes banning questions as to whether an individual is a felon or not, and expanding "ban the box legislation" to include no review of an individual's felony or arrest records unless determined in advance to be a bona fide occupational qualification to exclude formerly incarcerated individuals from certain jobs, based on prior convictions and arrest records.

CLOSE CONNECTICUT PRISONS

We support the immediate closing of prisons that house individuals who are non-violent offenders, and retraining of Correction Officers to become probation and parole officers, so as not to affect their employment status. Their job would now be to monitor those individuals released from prison, provide them with training opportunities, job opportunities, birth certificates, drivers licenses, state identification, opening of bank accounts, educational opportunities, housing, transportation, food, energy support, health care, mental health care and any other supports that prior incarcerated individuals need in order to resume a life of dignity and non-violence. Parole and probation officers who simply violate individuals and have them

returned to prison without providing them with each and every necessary support, should be returned to work in the prisons that remain open if there are openings within these facilities.

If Connecticut funded parole and probation officers demonstrate an inability to be positive change agents for formerly incarcerated citizens, they will be progressively disciplined, retrained, and if no improvement, they will be removed from their state employment. Whether or not individuals released from prison receive any and all necessary supports to re-enter society, will be something that is used to evaluate the effectiveness of parole and probation officers. Probation and Parole officers should reflect the race and gender of the people that they serve.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION (MDC)

The MDC is a quasi-state agency. The General Assembly must ensure that continued exclusion of people of color in the top administration and throughout this entire agency does not continue to take place. Enforcement of State and Federal laws must take place in order to ensure that no one race is excluded for employment and contracting opportunities from any agency such as MDC with taxing or rate-setting powers over Connecticut residents. This quasi-state agency must be mandated to comply with anti-discrimination and monitoring laws. Their entire workforce must reflect the residents whom they serve. This would include, but not be limited to:

Verified employment data based on race;

MDC will be required to meet all MBE and MWE goals, as well as to be reflective of the municipalities that they serve.

The State will withhold state funding (direct or bond-allocated expenditures) for additional MDC construction (for MDC, its contractors and sub-contractors) related its Sewer Separation Project and/or its Clean Water Project unless and until affirmative workforce and contractor goals are met and data-verified according to Hartford city goals and laws including Municipal Code Ch. 2, Article VIII, Division 10, Sections 2-680 to 2-688.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS

Legislation must be introduced where necessary to permit and require locally-approved, formal, and binding Community Benefits Agreements, including neighborhood approvals, preferences for local residents and minority/women set-asides, environmental, and other features before allocation and expenditure for State-agency approval and funding of local development and construction projects, as well as allowance for state and local tax incentives.

REDUCE MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES AND INSURANCE FOR URBAN RESIDENTS:

Council has already approved steps proposed in last year's General Assembly towards a uniform statewide car tax - along with funds to restore motor vehicle tax income lost to cities through such a uniform policy. This would receive support from other urban centers and certainly benefit Hartford residents - and must be included this year's state legislative package. Such a uniform tax is also preferable to a proposed uniform registration fee unless related to automobile value, and thereby a progressive measure.

Legislation must prevent high, discriminatory insurance rates for cars in Hartford and other urban areas. There have been such efforts before, and need renewal in collaboration with state legislative delegation; if not from mayor, then Council members will need to speak directly.

MAINTAIN CURRENT RESIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT RATIO, without increasing it, for tax benefit for Hartford homeowners and tenants.

Lead Poisoning: new appropriations must be included in State budget, directly or through the Department of Public Health, for increased community outreach, screening, testing in risk-elevated settings, and remediation with interim re-housing.

Attest:

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