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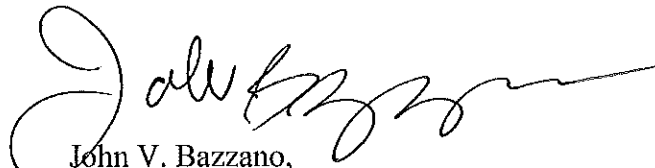
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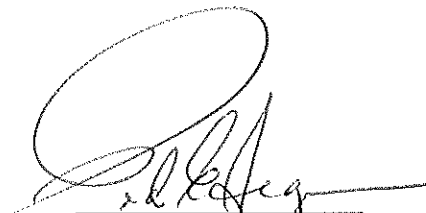
Honorable Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor

Dear Mayor Segarra:

Please find attached the following resolutions that were passed at a regular meeting of the Court of Common Council Meeting on March 9, 2015. I have duly certified these documents and respectfully send them to you for your review.

  
John V. Bazzano,  
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Approve 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14
Veto

  
Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor  
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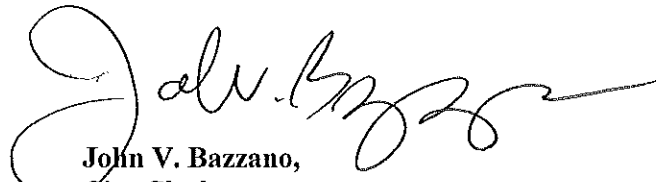
**WHEREAS**, The City of Hartford operates the Police Activities League (PAL) as a nonprofit unit within the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, PAL provides recreational and educational activities to inner city youth as an alternative to gang membership, violence, truancy, and substance abuse and teaches youth the importance of integrity respect, discipline, self-esteem, leadership, teamwork and other valuable life skills; and

**WHEREAS**, The Aetna Insurance Company periodically donates excess equipment to non-profit agencies throughout the community, and is offering to the PAL Program a donation of ten Hewlett Packard computers and several monitors that will greatly enhance the technological capabilities of the PAL programs; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the donation of computer equipment from Aetna Insurance Company to be used to support the PAL Program at the Hartford Police Department.

Attest:

  
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, March 9, 2015 the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Assessment Appeals hears and makes decisions on appeals filed by Hartford taxpayers concerning the assessed value of their property; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has appointed Calixto Torres as a member of the Board; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual to the Board of Assessment Appeals:

Calixto Torres (D) 6 Harwich Street, Hartford 06114  
Appointed to a term to expire on January 1, 2018.

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**WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford, KNOX, Inc. and Hartford Blooms, with the support of Hartford's many corporations, volunteers, and community and civic associations, have played a central role in making Hartford a green, beautiful and healthy city; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 22, 2015, at the United States Conference of Mayors' Winter Meeting, the City of Hartford was awarded a \$40,000 grant of cash and products for The Hartford Grown Project; and

**WHEREAS,** The grant, provided through the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's *GRO1000* Gardens and Green Spaces Program in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, will be used to create a 38,000 square foot beginner farm on Laurel Street for Hartford's community gardeners and to support a floral beautification project on Franklin Avenue which will be featured on the 2015 Hartford Blooms Garden Tour in June, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of approximately \$40,000 in cash and products from the 2015 USCM and Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's *GRO1000* Gardens and Green Space Program; 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 further 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,** As part of its strategy to address childhood obesity by increasing youth physical fitness, the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation has created "Little Soccer Stars" a year-round, citywide soccer program for Hartford children aged 3 to 6; and

**WHEREAS,** On January 23, 2015, the Office of the Mayor was informed that the National Recreation and Park Association, in partnership with ESPN, Inc. would provide \$35,000 in financial support for "Little Soccer Stars"; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of \$35,000 from the National Recreation and Parks Association and ESPN, Inc. to be used to support Hartford's "Little Soccer Stars" program; and be it further

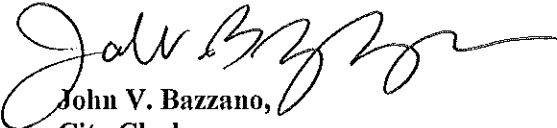
**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is further 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 9, 2015 the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS,** The Hartford Department of Public Works ("DPW") estimates that it collects and delivers, to a recycling facility, approximately 18,000 discarded mattresses and box springs each year, and the current cost of disposing of those mattresses is \$10 each; and

**WHEREAS,** The State Legislature passed Public Acts 1-42 and 14-170 which established a mattress stewardship program, through which the mattress industry is now required to establish a Statewide recycling program funded by recycling fees that mattress retailers collect from consumers; and

**WHEREAS,** The mattress industry has created a nonprofit entity, Mattress Recycling Council, Inc. ("MRC"), which has submitted, to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("DEEP") for approval, a plan for the implementation for statewide recycling at no cost to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** DPW and MRC are negotiating an agreement with the following material terms:

1. Starting date of the contract to be established following DEEP approval of the MRC implementation plan,
2. Ending date of the contract to be no later than December 31, 2018, with two options for one-year extensions,
3. Collection and delivery of discarded mattresses to MRC's recycling facility in East Hartford to be carried out by DPW employees,
4. Payment to the City in the first year of the contract to be \$1.29 per mattress and foundation, and
5. Payment to the City in subsequent years subject to adjustment based upon fuel costs, changes to the FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates, and other factors, now, therefore be it

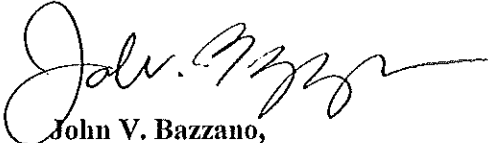
**RESOLVED,** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with MRC under the terms outlined above; and be it further

**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 and that said approvals and authorizations are made with the understanding that negotiations relative to any and all relevant details of the Agreement may be ongoing.

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**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Park is home to the City's public gardens and is one of Hartford's most visited parks; and

**WHEREAS**, The fresh-water ponds in Elizabeth Park are a prominent feature of the Park, covering several acres; and

**WHEREAS**, The City has installed and operated aerators in the ponds, which provide oxygen to the water to help maintain water quality by reducing algae growth, and which provide a buffer from traffic noise and a visual effect that is enjoyed by many; and

**WHEREAS**, The aerators have lasted beyond their designed lifespan and are in need of replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, The Richard P. Garmany Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has offered to donate \$35,000 to the Elizabeth Park Conservancy to pay for labor and materials required to replace the pond aerators; and

**WHEREAS** The Elizabeth Park Conservancy also desires to have the aerators replaced and is willing to accept the Fund's gift and to undertake the work of purchasing and installing the aerators; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept the gift of new aerators valued at \$35,000; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby expresses its gratitude to the Richard P. Garmany Fund, the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, and the Elizabeth Park Conservancy for this gift; and be it further

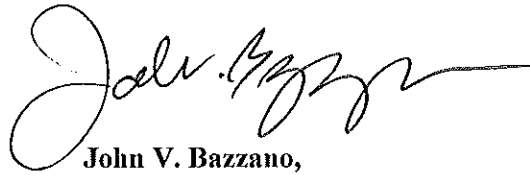
**RESOLVED**, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of other documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to accept the above referenced gift; and be it further



**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, Serious problems occurred in the City's administration of the General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 ("Election Day"), which problems adversely affected the ability of Hartford residents to cast their votes and resulted in the lack of an accurate vote count, which persists to this day; and

WHEREAS, Section 3(b) of Chapter IV of the Charter of the City Hartford (the "City Charter") provides that the Hartford Court of Common Council (the "Council"), or any committee thereof when so authorized by the Council, has the power to investigate the official conduct of any department or agency of the city government or of any officer or employee thereof, in order to determine the existence of cause for the removal of appointive or elective officers or employees; and

WHEREAS, In furtherance of that power, on November 12, 2014, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution creating a Committee of Inquiry (the "Committee") to investigate the impediments to casting ballots in the 2014 general election, any inaccuracies or delays in reporting of the vote count and other issues with regard to the City's administration of the 2014 general election voting process; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the importance of the citizens' right to vote and in light of the seriousness of the impediments to voting that occurred in the City of Hartford, the Committee conducted a thorough investigation by undertaking an exhaustive review of

voluminous documents, conducting witness interviews, holding two days of hearings, and taking evidence; and

WHEREAS, Each of the three Registrars of Voters were called as witnesses and afforded the opportunity to appear and testify before the Committee during the two days of hearings held on December 22 and 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Committee developed an extensive factual record, consisting of documentary evidence and recorded testimony (the "Hearing Record"); and

WHEREAS, The Committee of Inquiry prepared a Report of Factual Findings (the "Report"), and filed the same on January 16, 2015, which Report is incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, The Report of the Committee of Inquiry identified multiple, serious errors, which plagued the administration of the 2014 General Election Hartford and resulted in the disenfranchisement of Hartford voters and the lack of an accurate vote count; and

WHEREAS, The Committee of Inquiry determined that many of the Election Day problems are attributable to errors or omissions by the Hartford Registrars, a dysfunctional working relationship among the election officials, a lack of leadership and accountability, and the absence of a clear, legally prescribed chain of command; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Common Council is empowered under Section 3(a) of Chapter IV of the City Charter, as authorized by Special Act No. 30 of the Connecticut General Assembly (1947), to remove elective officers upon charges preferred by vote of a majority of the membership of the Council, and after a hearing thereon before the full Council, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Olga Vazquez, Urania Petit, and Sheila Hall are charged with having committed the acts and omissions set forth in the following Articles of Removal, some or all of which may constitute neglect or dereliction of official duty, incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties or delinquency materially affecting their general character or fitness for office, and warranting their removal from office:

#### ARTICLE ONE

IT IS ALLEGED THAT OLGA VAZQUEZ, in her conduct as the Democratic Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford, committed acts or omissions constituting neglect, dereliction of official duty, incompetence, incapacity to perform

official duties and/or delinquency materially affecting her general character or fitness for office, in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) Failing to sufficiently train and supervise poll workers;
- 2) Failing to ensure polling locations were properly staffed and equipped to administer the election;
- 3) Failing to properly and timely prepare the final voter registry lists;
- 4) Failing to request and obtain assistance even after it became apparent that the voter registry lists would not be completed in sufficient time to begin and complete the absentee ballot check-off process;
- 5) Failing to file the final voter registry lists with the Town Clerk by October 29, 2014, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-38;
- 6) Failing to supervise and conduct the absentee ballot check-off process in a manner that would ensure its completion in sufficient time to provide final registry lists to moderators by 8:00 p.m. on the night before Election Day as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-259(a), or to deliver final registry lists to the polling places before 6:00 a.m. on Election Day;
- 7) Making, or consenting to, the decision to stop the absentee ballot check-off process the night before Election Day, even though the absentee ballot check-off process was not completed;
- 8) Failing to provide moderators with Election Day materials by 8:00 p.m. the night before Election Day as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-259(a);
- 9) Failing to develop and implement a plan to ensure the delivery of registry books to polling places before the polls opened at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day, after moderators were sent home without registry books the night before Election Day;
- 10) Failing to open the polls by 6:00 a.m. as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-174;
- 11) Failing to attend a statutorily required meeting to review the election returns and identify and correct any errors therein;
- 12) Failing to thoroughly investigate, identify and correct errors in the final head moderator's return filed with the Secretary of State;

13) Failing to communicate effectively with members of the Office of the Registrar and other City officials, including refusing to read correspondence sent to her by the Working Families Registrar and refusing to seek assistance from the Town Clerk or the Mayor, if necessary, because of perceived poor working relationships.

WHEREFORE, Olga Vazquez warrants trial upon these charges. If, after the presentation of evidence on these charges, seven members of the Council shall vote for Vazquez's removal, based on a finding that: (i) Vazquez committed one or more of the foregoing acts or omissions, and (ii) such conduct constitutes dereliction of official duty, or incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties or some delinquency materially affecting Vazquez's general character or fitness for office, she shall be removed from office as Democratic Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford.

## ARTICLE TWO

IT IS ALLEGED THAT URANIA PETIT, in her conduct as Working Families Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford, committed acts or omissions constituting neglect, dereliction of official duty, incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties and/or delinquency materially affecting her general character or fitness for office, in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) Failing to sufficiently train and supervise poll workers;
- 2) Failing to ensure polling locations were properly staffed and equipped to administer the election;
- 3) Failing to properly and timely prepare the final voter registry lists;
- 4) Failing to file the final voter registry lists with the Town Clerk by October 29, 2014, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-38;
- 5) Failing to ensure that the cross-off process would be completed in sufficient time to meet applicable statutory deadlines, despite being aware that scheduled times for conducting the cross-off had been postponed or cancelled;
- 6) Failing to provide moderators with Election Day materials by 8:00 p.m. the night before Election Day as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-259(a);
- 7) Failing to develop and implement a plan to ensure the delivery of registry books to polling places before the polls opened at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day, after moderators were sent home without registry books the night before Election Day;

8) Failing to open the polls by 6:00 a.m. as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-174;

9) Failing to thoroughly investigate, identify and correct errors in the final head moderator's return filed with the Secretary of State.

WHEREFORE, Urania Petit warrants trial upon these charges. If, after the presentation of evidence on these charges, seven members of the Council shall vote for Petit's removal, based on a finding that (i) Petit committed one or more of the foregoing acts or omissions, and (ii) such conduct constitutes dereliction of official duty, or incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties or some delinquency materially affecting Petit's general character or fitness for office, she shall be removed from office as Working Families Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford.

### ARTICLE THREE

IT IS ALLEGED THAT SHEILA N. HALL, in her conduct as the Republican Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford, committed acts or omissions constituting neglect, dereliction of official duty, incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties and/or delinquency materially affecting her general character or fitness for office, in one or more of the following ways:

- 1) Failing to sufficiently train and supervise poll workers;
- 2) Failing to ensure polling locations were properly staffed and equipped to administer the election;
- 3) Failing to properly and timely prepare the final voter registry lists;
- 4) Failing to file the final voter registry lists with the Town Clerk by October 29, 2014, as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-38;
- 5) Failing to ensure that the cross-off process would be completed in sufficient time to meet applicable statutory deadlines, despite being aware that scheduled times for conducting the cross-off had been postponed or cancelled;
- 6) Failing to attend a statutorily required meeting to review the election returns and correct any errors;
- 7) Failing to provide moderators with Election Day materials by 8:00 p.m. the night before Election Day as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-259(a);

8) Failing to develop and implement a plan to ensure the delivery of registry books to polling places before the polls opened at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day, after moderators were sent home without registry books the night before Election Day;

9) Failing to open the polls by 6:00 a.m. as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-174;

10) Failing to thoroughly investigate, identify and correct errors in the final head moderator's return filed with the Secretary of State.

WHEREFORE, Sheila N. Hall warrants trial upon these charges. If, after the presentation of evidence on these charges, seven members of the Council shall vote for Hall's removal, based on a finding that (i) Hall committed one or more of the foregoing acts or omissions, and (ii) such conduct constitutes dereliction of official duty, or incompetence, incapacity to perform official duties or some delinquency materially affecting Hall's general character or fitness for office, she shall be removed from office as Republican Registrar of Voters for the City of Hartford; and be it further RESOLVED, that the hearing on the foregoing Articles shall commence on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and shall continue from day to day until completed, provided that the Council President, in consultation with Attorney Garber, is authorized to grant or deny requests relating to alteration of the foregoing schedule.

Attest:



**John V. Bazzano,**  
City Clerk