

Court of Common Council



CITY OF HARTFORD

550 MAIN STREET

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has entered into an agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for achieving accreditation of the Hartford Levee System by July 5, 2009, thereby necessitating certain capital improvements to be made; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislature, pursuant to Public Act 07-7, authorized a total of \$12 million dollars for the City of Hartford's levee and related flood control capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, At the December 12, 2008 meeting, the State Bond Commission appropriated \$5 million dollars of the total \$12 million dollars authorization for the City's flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, who will be administering the grant, requires that the City enter into a formal agreement concerning the expenditure and reimbursement of the \$5 million dollars in appropriated project funds; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford will be responsible for the bidding, administration, construction inspection, and overall management of the project; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Eddie A. Perez, Mayor, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Hartford, to execute a Grant Contract for the Local Flood Control and Erosion Control Project (Hartford Flood Control System Improvements) with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for reimbursement of up to \$5,000,000 in grant funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Eddie A. Perez, Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Hartford, to execute an Operations and Maintenance Agreement for the provision of operation and ongoing periodic maintenance of the subject Flood Control and Erosion Control Project with the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Eddie A. Perez, Mayor is hereby authorized to sign a certification indicating that the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and Sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142; and be it further

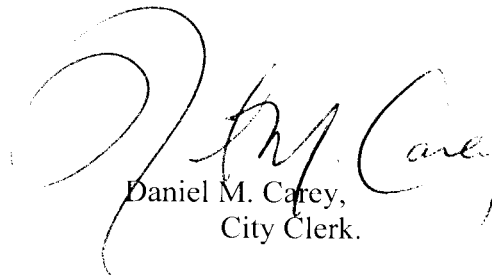
RESOLVED, That the City Clerk, Daniel M. Carey, be authorized to impress the seal of the City of Hartford upon any official documents related to the above; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be authorized to enter into any and all supplemental agreements or related documents necessary to fully implement this project as described herein; 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 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 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, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Social Services has made available grant funding in the amount of \$682,500, for the design and construction improvements to the South End Wellness Senior Center, located at 830 Maple Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford hereby agrees to enter into a contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services for financial assistance for the site and building related improvements to the South End Wellness Senior Center located at 830 Maple Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, that will provide certain materials and services to support the development of site related safety enhancements, and outfitting and renovating the second floor per State Contract No. 064-NF-8/9, Core-CT No. 01DSS6011 EG and Project No. 6100-02-0035/0270; and

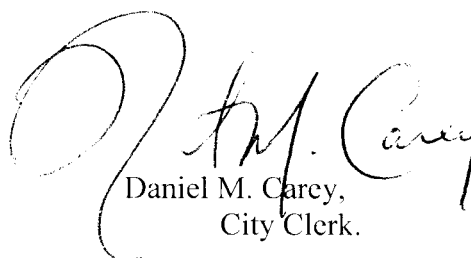
WHEREAS, That the City of Hartford is authorized to receive funding from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$682,500, for the South End Wellness Senior Center Project per State Contract No. 064-NF-8/9, Core-CT No. 01DSS6011EG and project No. 6100-02-0035/0270; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor, Eddie A. Perez, is authorized to sign the State of Connecticut Contract for the South End Wellness Senior Center Project per State of Connecticut No. 064-NF-8/9, Core-CT No. 01DSS6011EG and Project No. 6100-02-0035/0270 on behalf of the City of Hartford and to comply with all requirements; 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 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 agreement and 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, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Office of Youth Services serves as the City's Youth Service Bureau; and

WHEREAS, As the Youth Service Bureau, the Office for Youth Services is responsible for coordination of programs in areas of juvenile justice, crisis intervention, child welfare, mental health, positive youth development, recreational/cultural programs and research on youth issues, development of resources for new and expanded programs, community involvement, and advocacy on behalf of youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Education has notified the City that it has enhancement funds available for Hartford's Youth Service Bureau activities in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and

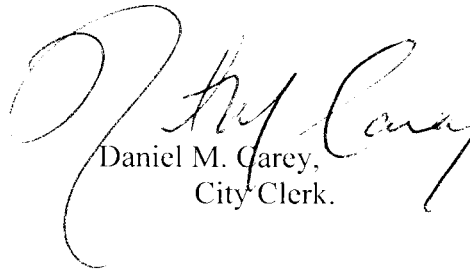
WHEREAS, That the Court of Common Council authorizes the Mayor to apply for and receive these funds for operation of the Youth Services Bureau activities for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby 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 effectuate 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 execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to 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 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, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby accepts the Hartford Public Library Audit Report.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has a long tradition of generous support of Special Events by providing services at a reduced cost to event sponsors via Council resolution; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the City's costs and fees associated with an event; and

WHEREAS, Revenue shortfalls and a struggling Regional and National economy caused the City to make difficult decisions in order to reduce costs while maintaining essential services; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford does not want to discourage Special Events in the City, but cannot support them at the previous level during this period of economic uncertainty; now, therefore, be it

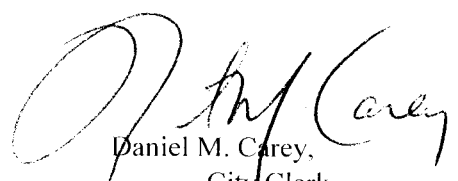
RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council clarify its position on fee waivers for Special Events for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council requests that the Mayor directs the communications department to relay the policy outlined by this resolution to event sponsors via the Special Event permit application and the Special Event section of the City's website; and be it further

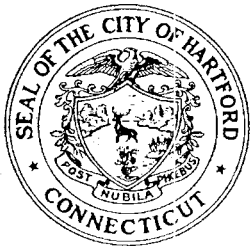
RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council may grant waivers to certain Special Events on a case-to-case basis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this policy will go into effect upon its adoption by the Court of Common Council.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Individuals with criminal records suffer from discriminatory practices that include barriers to employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, These practices predominately affect people in urban cities, who unfortunately also have the highest incarceration rates; and

WHEREAS, Practices that stigmatize individuals with criminal records, no matter how minor, during an initial employment interview process serve to deter employers from hiring these individuals who may otherwise with all things considered be qualified for employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Urban cities areas across the United States including Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis and San Francisco have adopted significant new policies eliminating barriers in their perspective City and County jobs against people with criminal records; and

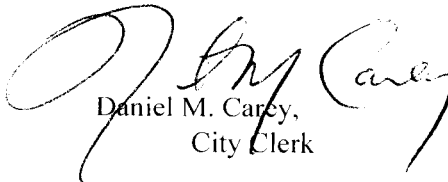
WHEREAS, We are committed to being a diverse City of inclusiveness as reflected by the award we received from the National League of Cities in 2006; and

WHEREAS, As a City that is as strong as its people, we must continue to expand our efforts to eliminate any and all illegal barriers from employment for individuals with past criminal records. These barriers prevent those affected from gaining meaningful employment hindering their ability to enter mainstream society as citizens of our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor directs the Human Resources Department to review its current civil services processes and eliminate any barriers during an interview process that may preclude applicants with criminal records from gaining employment with the City of Hartford; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor provide a full report of said review process to the City Council within Ninety (90) days after the resolution has been passed.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Saint Francis Hospital Foundation is sponsoring the "Saint Francis Walk in Memory of Kate Kuhn Woodbury, MD" on May 6, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Elizabeth Park; and

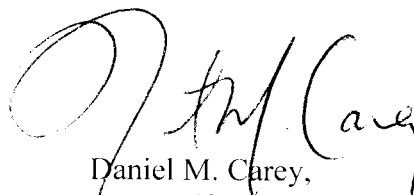
WHEREAS, The event sponsor is requesting a 50 percent fee waiver; and

WHEREAS, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the City's costs and fees associated with an event; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the event the sponsor is required to obtain the proper Insurance Certificate, which holds the city harmless for any claims arising out of the event. This Certificate must be reviewed and approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, This year marks the 20th year of First Night Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Hartford's annual New Year's Eve bash is the best choice in the area for families and anyone who enjoys great music, dancing, fireworks, and an all-around great time; and

WHEREAS, First Night Hartford is an alcohol-free celebration and promotes the health, well-being and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. on December 31, 2008 and cease at midnight on January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The event sponsor, First Night Hartford, Inc., is requesting the use of Bushnell Park, a street closure on Trinity Street where it bisects the Park, permission to explode fireworks over Bushnell Park, and a 50 percent fee waiver for City costs associated with the event; and

WHEREAS, The sponsor wishes to hold a procession, with accompanying street closures, that starts on Main Street in front of the Municipal Building, turns left on Gold Street, continues through Bushnell Park, and terminates on Trinity Street in the vicinity of the Soldiers and Sailors Arch; and

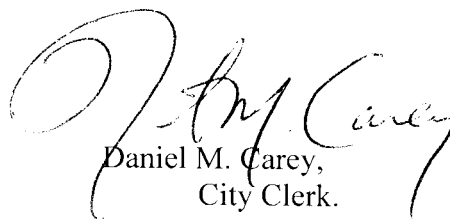
WHEREAS, On January 28, 2002, the Court of Common Council passed a resolution that provides in part that special event fee waivers, if granted, shall not exceed an amount equal to one-half of the City's costs and fees associated with an event; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this event, First Night Hartford is required to submit proper proof of insurance which must be approved by the Risk Manager of the Finance Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That First Night Hartford, Inc. is granted permission to hold its event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council's waiver, if any, of fees will be consistent with the recommendation of the Public Works, Parks, and Environment Committee.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION was passed.


WHEREAS, In December 2007, through its Parks for People Program, The Trust for Public Land delivered a final report on the Hartford Park System to the Mayor, City staff, Friends of Parks groups, funders of the report, and other park stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, One of the recommendations issued in the report was the establishment of a Green Belt Task Force, with the goal of planning for a future greenway, consisting of a network of roads and trails that will connect all of the City's parks so that they will be seen and used by the public as an integrated system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council establishes a Green Belt Task Force of fifteen (15) members, seven (7) members from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and eight (8) from the community at large, with the task of developing a plan for a future greenway connecting Hartford's parks and open space; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this task force will be appointed and confirmed by the Court of Common Court Council.

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WHEREAS, Sonitrol of Hartford is a security monitoring company with numerous clients in the Greater Hartford Region; and

WHEREAS, Mutualink is a Connecticut based company specializing in technology that enhances interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, The ability to share voice and data information across disparate systems is vital to public safety; and

WHEREAS, Sonitrol of Hartford will purchase all equipment necessary to implement the Mutualink Interoperable System for the City of Hartford; and

WHEREAS, All reoccurring costs associated with this system for five years will be paid by Sonitrol of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the City, any and all equipment donated to implement the Mutualink Interoperable System; and be it further

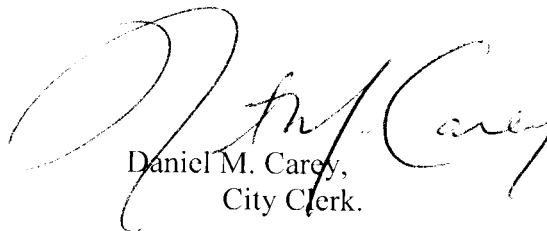
RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the City, any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of the City, other instruments, a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments effective until otherwise ordered by the appropriate authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all manner or 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 effectuate the above transaction; and be it further

RESOVLED, 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 other aforesaid actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approval and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the Mayor executing such agreement and 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, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of the pivotal leaders of the American Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King was instrumental in the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, a group created to harness the moral authority and organizing power of black churches to conduct non-violent protests in the service of Civil Rights reform; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King organized and led marches for Black Americans' right to Vote, Desegregation, Labor Rights, and other basic Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS, Most of these rights were successfully enacted into United States law with the Civil Rights Act 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in 1968, King frequently gave speeches in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, Westport, Hamden and Middletown, according to a professor at Southern Connecticut State University who has produced a documentary about King's work in this State; and

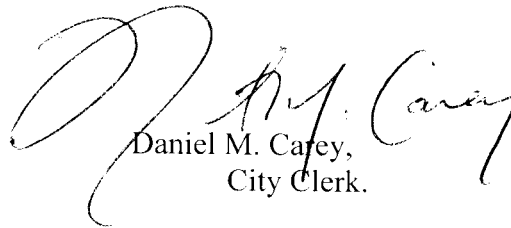
WHEREAS, Mrs. Coretta Scott King followed her husband's footsteps and was active in matters of Social Justice and Civil Rights until her death; and

WHEREAS, A memorandum of understanding will be established between the City of Hartford and the Hartford Neighborhood Centers regarding the terms located at the corner of Greenfield and Ridgefield Streets; and

WHEREAS, To compliment Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, honorary signs in their names will be placed above the existing street sign at the corner of Greenfield and Ridgefield Streets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That along with other improvements, a granite memorial be erected on this land which will be inscribed with Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford, Department of Development Services, Planning Division has reviewed under provisions of Section 766 of the City of Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission Zoning Regulations, a request by the Connecticut AFL-CIO for a monument commemorating worker's killed while on the job on public property; and

WHEREAS, Monument sites are permitted under Section 854B of the City of Hartford, Planning and Zoning Regulation, in the Public Property and Flood Plain Districts; and

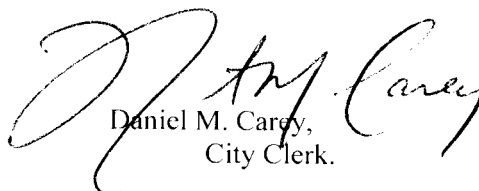
WHEREAS, The City of Hartford Department of Development Services, Planning Division recommended appropriate sites to the Connecticut AFL-CIO for the location of a monument in Bushnell Park; and

WHEREAS, The chosen site is located near the roadway on a hill overlooking Bushnell Park; and

WHEREAS, Bushnell Park is the property of the City of Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford, Court of Common Council supports and endorses the construction by the AFL-CIO if a memorial to Connecticut workers in Bushnell Park in accordance with the design and in the location provided on the plan entitled "Concept for AFL-CIO Workers Memorial Bushnell Park, Hartford, Connecticut 23 December 2008" as presented to the Council and agreed to by AFL-CIO and the Bushnell Park Foundation.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, The Hartford Knights After School Program has been recognized as a positive option for hundreds of Hartford children, providing academic support, athletic discipline, interpersonal and life skills; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Knights have provided these programs at Simpson Waverly School with progressive positive outcomes and in and outside of the school house and into the neighborhoods; and

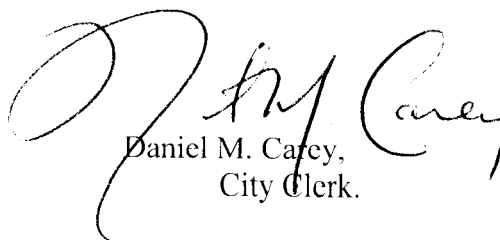
WHEREAS, Athletic programs such as the Hartford Knights that combine education and sports have been cited as a positive youth development best practice; and

WHEREAS, The Hartford Knights have requested support from the City of Hartford to assist in covering funds in 2008-2009 school year to assist funds to pay for expenses incurred by the afterschool program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council does authorizes the Mayor to find funds up to \$15,000 as requested to the Hartford Knights; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Knights will report the outcomes of these funds to the Office of Youth Services and the Court of Common Council at the end of the 2009 school year and the Hartford Knights must make a more aggressive effort to fundraise for next year.

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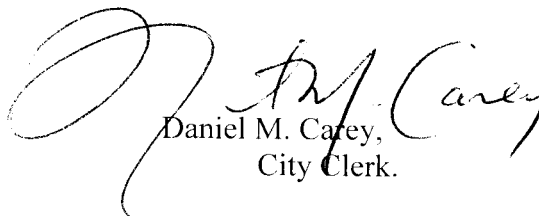
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby appoints the following individuals Mr. William DiBella and Ms. Gertrude Mero of Hartford, to the Metropolitan District Commission to a term ending December 2014.

Attest:


 Daniel M. Carey,
 City Clerk.

Court of Common Council



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WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has solicited a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Federal lobbying services; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford received multiple responses to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, A selection committee comprised of City Council Members and Representatives of the Mayor's Office interviewed the top candidates and made a unanimous selection of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to sign a letter of engagement with Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz P.C. of 555 Eleventh Street, NW Washington D.C. 20004, for the period of January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, at a monthly fee of \$13,000; and be it further

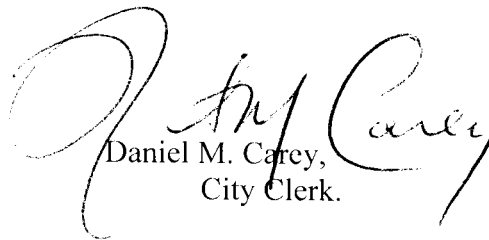
RESOLVED, That the letter of engagement may be extended for an additional six months, based on the availability of funds with Council approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby 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 effectuate 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 execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to 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 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 Healthcare4every1 Campaign is the State-wide educational and advocacy campaign uniting residents, businesses, and organizations committed to quality, affordable health care for everyone, and coordinated by the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, the campaign seeks to build public and political support for the achievement of universal health care in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Frequently the present insurance options do not cover the treatment our medical profession thinks is best; and

WHEREAS, While employed Connecticut residents pay more every year for insurance that covers less, increasing numbers of individuals to work for a living but have no insurance coverage at all. Many employers find the cost of insurance too much to handle, or the premium they need workers to pay is increasingly becoming beyond the reach of many individuals and families. Many people who are self-employed don't make enough to keep food on the table, clothes for their children, and still pay that health insurance bill every month; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut should have a health care plan that addresses the concerns that individuals, families and businesses face everyday as proposed by the Healthcare 4every1 Campaign; now, therefore, be it

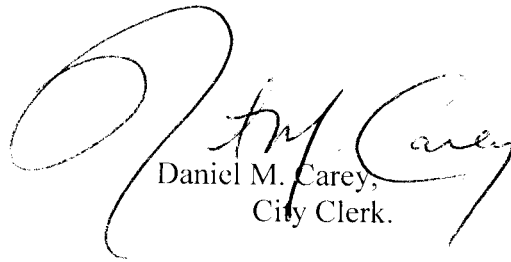
RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford supports the Healthcare 4every1 new proposal that provides an option for quality, affordable health care; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council support promoting a Connecticut plan that achieves quality, affordable health care for everyone addresses

the most pressing household concern facing families throughout the State; and be it further

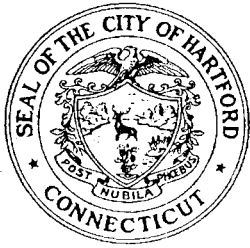
RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council support the January 13th Greater Hartford Health Care Rally for the Connecticut Health Care Reform Plan.

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WHEREAS, There is evidence of a significant growth in demand for basic human services in Hartford, such as emergency housing/shelter, food, clothing, energy assistance and other critical services; and

WHEREAS, A number of public/private leaders are reviewing and considering action plans to further consider collective efforts that might be able to further positively address the economic downturn's negative impact on the delivery of basic human services for the most vulnerable families and individuals in Hartford; and

WHEREAS, An initial meeting was held by some public officials and representatives of some of the larger non-profit community service agencies focused on basic human services; and

WHEREAS, The group concluded with suggesting that several next steps be considered, including data gathering and analysis relative to basic human needs to ascertain most appropriately the greatest areas of demand of services and subsequent considerations for advocacy and action; and

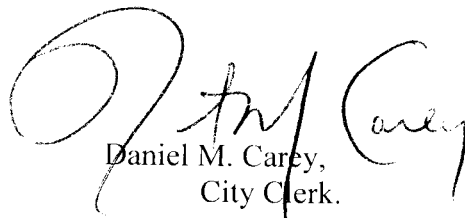
WHEREAS, The group further is reviewing the possibilities of organizing a community forum on Friday, February 13, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to (1) consider specific ideas of how the community might collectively work together in new, innovative ways to strengthen basic human needs issues; (2) consider further how to publicize vehicles on how the public might be aware of to accessing critical services; and (3) consider ways to best engage the community to advocate at the State, Federal, local levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council support these efforts including mobilizing City and community support and strategies to assure residents-in-need of basic human services are able to access said critical services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council support community forums and advocacy and other initiatives to assure that the basic human needs are protected for all citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council call upon the State, Federal and other public/private leaders to fully participate in these efforts and strategies.

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WHEREAS, The continued health and vitality of the City of Hartford is dependent upon efficient and effective transportation that links people with jobs; and

WHEREAS, Movement of people in to and out of Hartford is primarily dependent upon the existing road system; and

WHEREAS, Transit riders in the Hartford area are subject to roadway delays just like any other traffic; and

WHEREAS, The current transportation system leads to unhealthy air with 41 percent of the air toxics in the Greater Hartford area coming from on road mobile sources (motor vehicles); and

WHEREAS, The Hartford New Britain Busway is the first piece of a planned Regional system of busways and commuter rail and construction is scheduled to begin in less than two years - 2010; and

WHEREAS, The New Haven/Hartford/Springfield commuter rail is the second piece of this planned Regional system and is in the Environment Assessment Phase; and

WHEREAS, These two projects will provide commuters into Hartford and residents of Hartford with real travel options and avoid highway congestion; and

WHEREAS, These two projects will encourage economic development and responsible growth at stations and stops; and revitalize Connecticut's struggling economy by providing short and long term jobs, help reduce the number of cars on Connecticut's

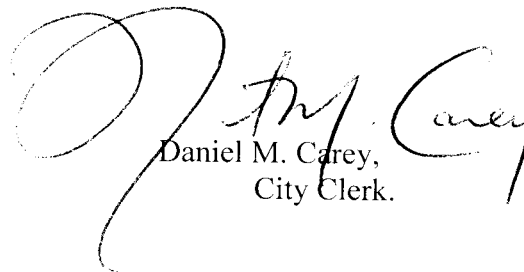
roads and promote transit-oriented development and mixed-income housing along these corridors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council supports the development of both the Hartford New Britain Hartford Busway or other form of public rapid transit and the New Haven/Hartford/Springfield commuter rail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council requests that the Mayor of Hartford continue to take an active role in supporting these projects and requesting that they move forward with all due haste so that they can be eligible for the Federal economic stimulus package and so the citizens of the Region may begin to reap the planned benefits; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Hartford City Council requests that this resolution be added as an official communication to be sent to the Governor's Office, the Connecticut Department of Transportation, State Representatives and Connecticut Congressional and Senatorial Representatives supporting these projects.

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WHEREAS, Culture and tourism activities account for over \$14 billion in Connecticut economic activity each year; and

WHEREAS, 170,000 jobs – 10 percent of the Connecticut labor force - \$9.4 billion of personal income - \$1.7 billion of State and local revenues depend on culture and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Many employees whose jobs depend on the culture and tourism industry are the most vulnerable in a declining economy. Losing their jobs will increase the demand and cost for other State and local support services; and

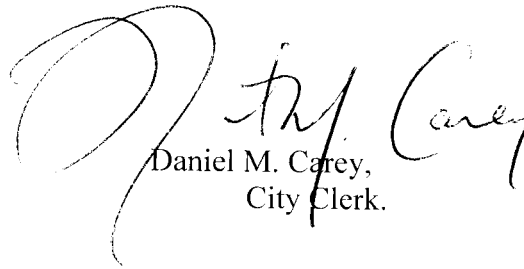
WHEREAS, Quality of life in Connecticut is rated among the best in the United States. Quality of life based on our cultural, historic and entertainment opportunities attracts people and businesses who select Connecticut above other states. Preserving our quality of life through our investment in culture and tourism is a key to rebuilding our economic future; and

WHEREAS, Numerous State, Regional and National studies show that, unless an investment is made to sustain the culture and tourism economy, it will decline rapidly. In the past, \$9.30 in net State and local revenue was leveraged by each \$1.00 invested; and

WHEREAS, For the past 15 years, Connecticut has invested millions of dollars in the culture and tourism infrastructure. Without support, many of these organizations and institutions are likely to fail thereby negating the investments previously made; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, In this time of turmoil we ask that our State leadership minimize the negative economic impacts that a reduction of support for culture and tourism would have. We must all work at preserving and protecting the building blocks of Connecticut's economic future by supporting and preserving tourism marketing on a State-wide and Regional level.

Attest:



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City Clerk.