

# Court of Common Council



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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford intends to construct a new Public Safety Complex to be used by the Departments of Emergency Services & Telecommunications, Police and Fire; and

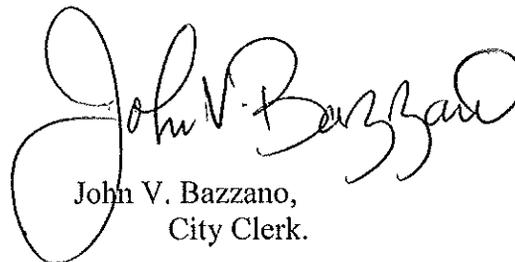
WHEREAS, Sophisticated audio and visual equipment will be installed throughout this building to assist public safety personnel in the performance of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Funds from the United States Department of Justice, COPS 2009 Technology Grant will be used to purchase this new technology; and

WHEREAS, Funds from this grant will allow the City to purchase and implement technology in the new Public Safety Complex that may not have been possible given Hartford's limited budget capacity; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the COPS 2009 Technology Grant funding in the amount of \$750,000 from the United States Department of Justice.

Attest:



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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The City, acting by and through its Tax Abatement Committee, and Shepherd Park Company, A Limited Partnership, ("Shepherd Park") entered into a certain Agreement on October 15, 1979, as amended by instrument dated June 19, 2008 (the "Agreement"), whereby Shepherd Park agreed to rehabilitate certain buildings and to construct others (collectively, the "Property") in the City to provide housing for low income persons or families and the City agreed to provide assistance for the rehabilitation and provision of such housing in the form of a partial abatement of real estate taxes related to the Property; and

WHEREAS, Shepherd Park and the City entered into a Lease Agreement on August 19, 1981, as amended by instrument dated June 19, 2008 (the "Lease") allowing Shepherd Park to rent the ground beneath the Property from the City; and

WHEREAS, Shepherd Park wishes to assign its rights in the Lease and in the Agreement to an affiliate of Retirement Housing Foundation, a California non-profit corporation (the "RHF Affiliate"); and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with the assignment of rights Shepherd Park and the RHF Affiliate wish to amend the Lease and extend its term through the close of the day preceding the ninety-ninth (99<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of the date on which Shepherd Park's interest in the Lease and the buildings and improvements located on the Property are assigned to the RHF Affiliate; and

WHEREAS, In connection with the assignment of rights as described above, the City expects to receive a payment of approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) pursuant to the terms of the Lease; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City hereby consents to the assignment of the Agreement and the Lease from Shepherd Park to the RHF Affiliate; and be it further

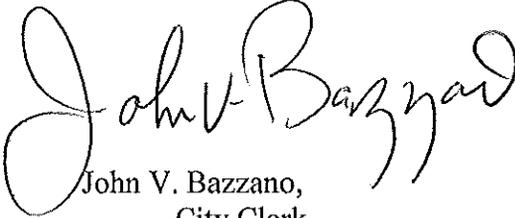
RESOLVED, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an amendment to the Lease or other appropriate agreement with Shepherd Park for the purposes set forth above, upon and subject to the above terms and conditions and such other terms and conditions that the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City; 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 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 amendments, 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 amendment and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Corporation Counsel.

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WHEREAS, On October 12, 2009 the Court of Common Council passed a resolution establishing a Skateboarding Task Force; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the following individuals are appointed to the Skateboarding Task Force:

- Jose Comacho
- Frankie Acevedo
- Jordan Polon
- River Brandon
- Dave Rozza
- Eral Brown
- Asaad Jackson
- Jazmin Agosto
- TJ Gamble
- Ron Pitz
- Brendan Mahoney

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That the following individual is hereby appointed to the Hartford Public Library Board of Directors for a term that expires in 2010:

- Shawn T. Wooden (D) of 115 Scarborough Street, Hartford, CT 06105.

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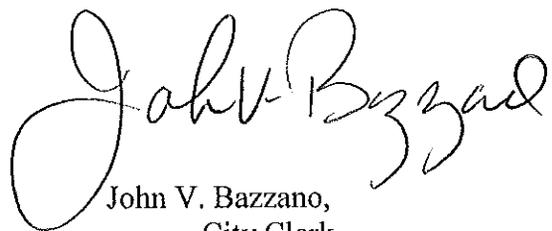
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That the following individual is hereby appointed to the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues beginning on November 9, 2009 and ending on June 8, 2012:

- Erika M. Romero (D) of 9 Evergreen Ave., Apt. B-7  
Hartford, CT 06105.

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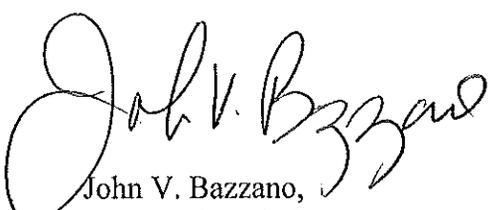
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

RESOLVED, That the following individual is hereby appointed to the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse beginning on November 9, 2009 and ending on August 26, 2011:

- Sandra E. Thompson (D) of 48 Imperial Drive, South Windsor, 06074.

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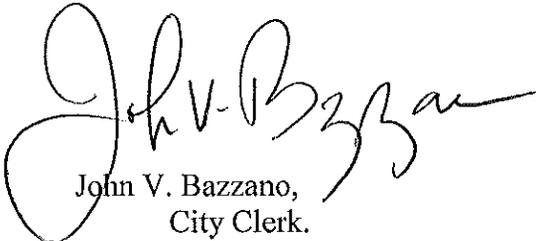
RESOLVED, That the following individual is hereby appointed to the Hartford Commission on Disability Issues beginning on November 9, 2009 and ending on March 1, 2012:

- Glaisma Perez Silva (D) of 64-66 Morris Street, Unit 101, Hartford, 06114, replacing Benita G. Toussaint (G) of 45 Niles Street, Hartford, 06105; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the following individual is hereby re-appointed to the Hartford Commission on Disability Issues beginning on November 9, 2009 and ending on March 1, 2012:

- Janet C. Wallans (D) of 1 Gold Street, Apt. 12-F, Hartford, 06103.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The Greater Hartford Jaycees gives young people between the ages of 21 and 40 the tools they need to build bridges of success in the areas of business development, management skills, and individual training; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Hartford Jaycees provides young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational development; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Hartford Jaycees implements various community service programs and oversees numerous special projects, including the Jaycee Youth Soccer Program, which it has managed for 20 years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby allocates \$2,700 from the Civic and Cultural Account to the Greater Hartford Jaycees Soccer Program.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Hartford Police Department put their lives on the line every day to defend and protect the people who live, work and visit Hartford; and

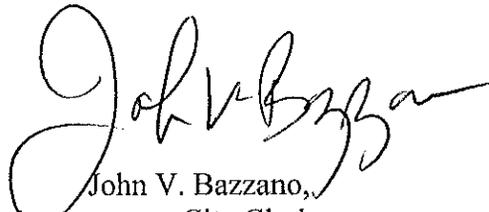
WHEREAS, Police Chief Daryl K. Roberts has reinforced the importance of community policing through a consistent message of service, relationships and safety; and

WHEREAS, The strength of community policing relies on the commitment of law enforcement and Hartford residents to work together in the best interests of the City; and

WHEREAS, The recent shooting of Hartford Police Officer Michael Bodner has reminded us not only of the importance of that relationship but also of the sacrifice our officers make on a daily basis; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby recognizes and appreciates the men and women of the Hartford Police Department for their determination to keep us safe, even when it means putting their own safety at risk.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed, as amended.

WHEREAS, Broadband and digital applications provide solutions to our nation's economic and social challenges, like healthcare and energy efficiency, and will provide disproportionately disadvantaged communities access to educational and other vital societal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) applauds the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which provides funding for such pro-broadband deployment programs as mapping, and creates additional demand for broadband technologies: computer labs for schools, health care IT and virtual medical records, and smart power grids, all critical for strengthening the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Local elected officials have implemented policies to ensure the rapid deployment of broadband technologies and infrastructure for the benefit of our local communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, Each community has its own distinct communication needs and State and local elected officials are best positioned to identify those needs and manage broadband stimulus spending; and

WHEREAS, NBC-LEO recognizes that expanding access to advanced telecommunications technologies and services in under serviced and un-serviced areas will spark the creation of new services, new innovations, and new applications that will become more affordable to minority communities; and

WHEREAS, NBC-LEO seeks to ensure that local communities are prepared to meet the technological challenges, regardless of geography, socio-economic status, and physical ability; and

WHEREAS, NBC-LEO believes no community should suffer a disparate impact from lack of access to, or productive use of, technological innovation; and

WHEREAS, NBC-LEO supports local, State, and Federal Government developing and implementing public-private broadband deployment partnerships which ensure under serviced and un-serviced communities have access to affordable broadband technologies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City Hartford along with it's members of NBC-LEO support Government aided economic development in under serviced and un-serviced communities coupled with public and private partnerships to encourage usage of culturally relevant content as well as ensure that training and service delivery be provided in a manner that empowers minority communities in the digital economy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NBC-LEO cautions against any corporate or Government policies that increase costs, impede deployment, slow use of the stimulus funds, discourage adoption and usage, limit consumer access or reduce affordability of broadband technologies to City of Hartford residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That State and local Governments and entities help guide deployment, transparent processes and firm management of the stimulus funding eliminating potential waste, and ensuring timely delivery of broadband; and be it further

RESOLVED, That NBC-LEO believes the best way to gain the benefits of the stimulus funding is to ensure that broadband gets to low income areas and mapping the current availability of broadband to ensure that money is used wisely and that funds and deployment are focused on those who are truly un-serviced; and be it further

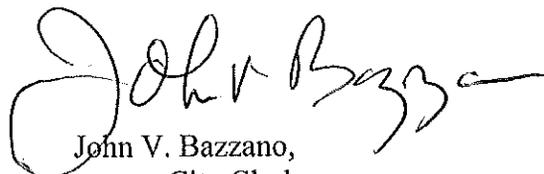
RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford and its NBC-LEO Members applaud and support programs and initiatives for a focus on demand side advanced communications programs and policies that should be implemented to stimulate greater access, higher demand and more efficient use of advanced communications services and products for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the residents of our city; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford and its NBC-LEO Members support a national call to action that will bring together local, state and national government leaders, business and nonprofit sector to explore and define viable policies to expand technology adoption and education through the development of meaningful and accessible content and content delivery; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford and its NBC-LEO Members send a copy of this resolution to the Federal ITC (Information Technology and Communications) Steering Committee of the State of Connecticut for adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be sent to the Legislature.

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WHEREAS, Quality, early childhood education programs, including pre-Kindergarten, preschool, and/or Head Start programs, prepare students to enter elementary level grades at a higher level of academic, social, emotional, and psychological readiness; and

WHEREAS, Successful early childhood education programs do not just promote reading readiness; they also address broader aspects of social and academic readiness, as well as healthy eating habits, preventive health care, medical and safety issues, and quality childcare; and

WHEREAS, Early childhood education programs provide an opportunity for early identification, diagnosis, and intervention in learning, emotional, and social areas that may present challenges prior to entering elementary school, thus mitigating the possibility of learning challenges that could inhibit academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Participation in early childhood education programs facilitates and encourages long-term success, thereby reducing the drop-out rate, incarceration and increases overall student academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Several rigorous research studies have demonstrated that comprehensive high quality early educational intervention can have a dramatic impact on academic and social outcomes for children. At-risk children who received these early childhood services:

- Had higher scores on cognitive, reading, and math tests, with the differences evident into early adulthood;
- Were more than twice as likely to attend a four-year college and to delay parenthood; and
- Were five times less likely to be chronic lawbreakers as adults than those who did not; and

WHEREAS, For every \$1 invested in quality early childhood programs, there is a long term benefit of \$8 in public savings which increases the likelihood that children will stay in school and become employed, and by reducing dependence on welfare and arrests for criminal activity (*National Conference of State Legislators' Report citing Art Rolnick and Rob Grunewald, Early Childhood Development: Economic Development with a High Public Return, March 2003; James J. Heckman and Dimitriy V. Masterov, The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children, October 2004; High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, The High/Scope Perry Preschool Study Through Age 40, November 2004. National League of Cities Adopted at the 2008 Congress of Cities November 15, 2008 R-28*); and

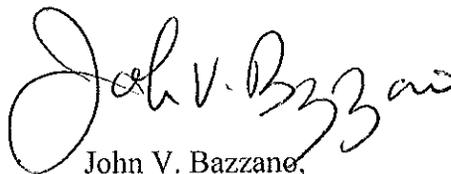
WHEREAS, Effective early childhood education programs involve parents, guardians, and caretakers in the educational process, providing opportunities for these responsible stakeholders to understand the benefits of early preparation for school; and

WHEREAS, That to be successful, early childhood education programs require multilevel partnerships and funding to initiate and facilitate successful implementation on the local level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the local, State and Federal Government should provide increased funding, technical assistance, and policies that support collaboration and participation across Federal, State, and local levels to provide for early childhood education for all children; and be it further

RESOLVED, That local, State and Federal Government are encouraged to provide flexibility and coordination across intergovernmental levels as well as across different sources of programmatic funding, Federally funded Head Start program and Child Care Development Block Grants, along with the State-funded Pre-K and Preschool programs, to include any locally run early childhood programs of before and after school in low income areas of the City of Hartford where support is need to families that are proven to be financially challenged.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The National Marrow Donors Program (NMDP) has been funded C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program to provide a single point of access for patients to access matching adult donors and umbilical cord blood; and

WHEREAS, The funding is over \$22 million in grants and not the full amount of \$35 million; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to increase recruitment of African Americans and other minorities in the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Registry; and

WHEREAS, The NMDP which lists more than 6.2 million donors. Although the NMDP's Registry has a diverse pool of donors, whites are by far the largest group, represented by more than 3.1 million donors. African Americans account for 490,603; and

WHEREAS, The fact that white patients in need of a marrow or stem cell transplant have a 70 percent – 80 percent chance of finding an unrelated matching donor speaks to the need for increased minority participation to realize better outcomes for all people; and

WHEREAS, When a person volunteers to be a donor, his or her particular blood tissue traits, as determined by a special blood test (histocompatibility antigen test), are recorded in the Registry which is different than a person's A, B, or O blood type; and

WHEREAS, A person needing a bone marrow transplant (recipient) needs to receive marrow from someone whose tissue type is close to his/her own type, similar to hair or eye color, it is more likely that the recipient will find a suitable donor in a brother or sister. However, this happens only 25 to 30 percent of the time; and

WHEREAS, If a family member does not match the recipient, the Registry database is searched for an unrelated individual whose tissue type is a close match. It is more likely that a donor who comes from the same racial or ethnic group as the recipient will have the same tissue

traits and for African Americans, this is particularly true, as some African American tissue types are rarely found in donors from other ethnic backgrounds and may be unusual, even among other African Americans, therefore, if the group of potential donors being searched is small, the likelihood of finding a match will be marginal; and

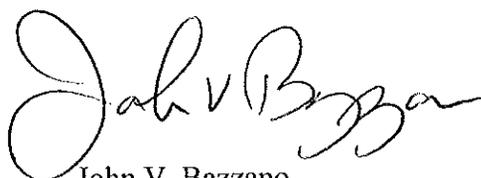
WHEREAS, Cost of tissue testing and privacy issues must be addressed to increase minority donors in the Registry; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and other minorities should be educated on the importance of joining the Registry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford and its National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO) members requests that the Bone Marrow Registry Disparity Program include, but be not limited to the following:

1. Receive continuation of Congressional support of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program to provide a single point of access for patients to access matching adult donors and umbilical cord blood.
2. The Program operates the National Registry so patients and physicians can locate matching cord blood units, as well as adult donors for marrow and peripheral blood stem cells because this program many Americans will not have access to life-saving transplants.
3. Congress must ensure the national goal is fully funded and makes every effort to find donors for all patients in need and an expanded national inventory of cord blood units and adult donors are searched.
4. Continued commitment to the Cord Blood by Congress is needed. Congress must appropriate enough dollars so that all Americans can join the registry and more moms can donate their child's cord blood. We are asking for \$35 million for recruiting adult donors (currently \$22 million provided) and \$15 million for cord blood (currently \$9 to 12 million) per year.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, November 23, 2009, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

WHEREAS, The United Nations Conference on Racism took place in April, 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Over 100 countries participated in the conference designed to combat racism and related forms of intolerance worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The United States boycotted the conference in deference to its relationship with Israel concerning a document that singled out Israel in its criticisms; and

WHEREAS, Considering United States history, policy and practices of racial discrimination, there should be a ground swell of support for any world initiative designed to show a propensity for atonement for a National ill; and

WHEREAS, The United States, as a World power, should be a part of any and all discussions designed to shape world policy of any nature; and

WHEREAS, The United States should entertain the debate for the purpose of affording U. S. citizens reasonable opportunity to hear both sides of this divisive issue to enable consensus building; and

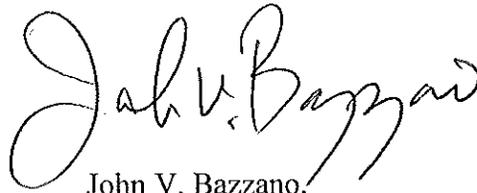
WHEREAS, World leaders such as Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela have both compared Israel's racial practices toward the Palestinians to those of South African apartheid; and

WHEREAS, The Conference was designed to help to eradicate the ills of racism; and

WHEREAS, The United States is the most powerful Country in the World and should be a part of such critical World dialogue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City of Hartford, encourage the State Legislature to fully support participation of the United States in the next World conference on racism and related intolerance and any and all world discussions of human rights and the establishment of global policy.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John V. Bazzano". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John V. Bazzano,  
City Clerk.