

Court of Common Council

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December 12, 2011

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is charged with creating and fostering a program to benefit Hartford grandparents and other family members who are raising their grandchildren, and

Whereas, The Mayor has reappointed Wendy Kwalwasser, Ph.D. as a member of the Commission, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the following appointment to the Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:

- Wendy Kwalwasser (D), 245 New Road, Avon, CT 06001
Appointed to a term expiring January 13, 2014 replacing Louise Douglas

Attest:

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Whereas, The 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, particularly 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 appointed Brunella A. Ibarrola to the Commission, now, therefore, be it

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

- Brunella A. Ibarrola (U) 95 Waverly Drive, Newington, 06111
Appointed to a term expiring on April 13, 2014
(Filling a vacancy)

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Hartford Commission on Aging is responsible for studying the needs of and coordinating programs for aging residents of Hartford, and

Whereas, The Mayor has appointed Michelle Bicking to the Commission, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby confirms the appointment of the following individual to the Hartford Commission on Aging:

- Michelle L. Bicking (G) 667 Old Stafford Road, Tolland 06084
For a term expiring on January 1, 2014 (replacing Fannie Arnum)

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Mayor, in consultation with the Cabinet for Young Children and the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation through its Division for Young Children has continued to strengthen early childhood policies and services for the city, and

Whereas, The Division for Young Children administers approximately 2,000 early learning and development slots in Hartford and provides coordination and leadership to all programs serving children from birth through eight years old, and

Whereas, The City also carries out the *Family Civics Initiative* which provides workshops and other opportunities for parent and family leadership and civic engagement and also provides professional development for staff of the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation as well as community-based agencies serving families, and

Whereas, In 2005, the City of Hartford and community stakeholders completed *Hartford's Blueprint for Young Children* which has guided efforts to unite programs and services in the city and meld them into a coordinated family-centered system for improving the lives of Hartford's young children, and

Whereas, The Division for Young Children under the auspices of the Department of Families, Children, Youth and Recreation and the Mayor's Cabinet for Young Children has determined the advisability of creating a new five-year *Hartford Blueprint for Early Childhood* and the desirability of expanding and strengthening the *Family Civics Initiative*, and

Whereas, The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has offered the City of Hartford a grant of \$145,000 to carry out these activities, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept a grant of \$145,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to be used for the purposes of creating a new *Hartford Blueprint for Early Childhood* and for strengthening and expanding the *Family Civics Initiative*, 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, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, Thomas Decker Sisko passed away July 9th, 2011 at the age of 23 from injuries sustained in a tragic car accident; and

Whereas, Thomas was a life long resident of the South End of Hartford, a high honors graduate of both E.B Kennelly Elementary and Sport and Medical Sciences Academy; and

Whereas, Thomas was an athlete who played in many baseball and football leagues at Hyland and Goodwin Park. Additionally he was a volunteer coach for both Sports and Medical Sciences Academy and South End Little League;

Whereas, Thomas was a member of Boy Scout Troop 105 in Hartford. As a member of this troop, Thomas was responsible for maintaining and laying the wreath at the Vietnam Memorial on the Green at the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and New Britain Avenue; and therefore be it

Resolved, That a permanent memorial bench be installed on the Green in honor of Thomas Decker Sisko; and be it further

Resolved, That the bench will be purchased and installed by the family of Mr. Sisko; and be it further

Resolved, That Mr. Sisko's family will work with City staff on a mutually agreeable design and location.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, Bob Steele is a legend in Hartford not only for his 66 year radio and television career but also for his lifelong support for and promotion of the city of Hartford, and

Whereas, For more than half a century, Mr. Steele drew the highest ratings of any radio program in New England and became synonymous with WTIC and the city of Hartford as he promoted everything from blood drives to literary campaigns, and

Whereas, This year marks the 100th anniversary of Bob Steele's birth and is an appropriate time to create a memorial for him within the city, and

Whereas, The Bob Steele Memorial Committee has recommended that Grove Street, between Prospect Street and Columbus Boulevard be renamed "Bob Steele Street", and

Whereas, This area is significant in Bob Steele's life because it is near the Travelers, the original home of WTIC, and around the corner from the former location of the Broadcast House, where Mr. Steele worked at WTIC-TV, and the Gold Building, the former home of WTIC Radio, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Grove Street, between Prospect Street and Columbus Boulevard, be renamed Bob Steele Street.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, Roberta L. Jones had a tremendous impact on countless lives in the city of Hartford and the Greater Hartford community, and

Whereas, Roberta Jones, a 1960 graduate of Weaver High School, was the first female African American State Marshal and served as an Executive Assistant to the Honorable Thirman L. Milner, the first African American Mayor of Hartford, and

Whereas, Roberta Jones was a member of the American Legion Post 142 Women's Auxiliary and was president of the Phoenix Society's Women's Auxiliary of Hartford, the Northeast Region International Association of Black Professional Firefighters, and Shiloh Baptist Church's Missionary Ministries, and

Whereas, Ms. Jones served on the City of Hartford's Board of Assessment Appeals and was chair of the Hartford Commission on Aging, and

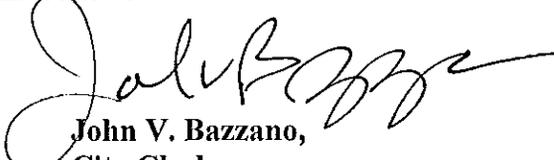
Whereas, As President of the Board of Directors of the Northend Senior Center, Roberta Jones played an integral role in ensuring that seniors receive quality services; and

Whereas, The Northend Senior Center will soon undergo an expansion of its existing facility, a testament to Ms. Jones' dedication and perseverance, now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Mayor and Court of Common Council hereby name the dining room at the Northend Senior Center the Roberta L. Jones Community Room, and be it further

Resolved, That any expansion or change at the Northend Senior Center facility will honor the memory of Roberta L. Jones with a space that bears her name.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed as amended.

Whereas, Lawrence Davis recently resigned his appointment to Hartford's Internal Audit Commission to run for public office; and

Whereas, As the Commission's Chair, he served with distinction as the representative of the top ten largest property taxpayers in the city; and

Whereas, These taxpayers have provided to the Court of Common Council the names and biographical information of two qualified candidates; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Hartford Court of Common Council select Kyle J. Bergquist CFA to complete Mr. Lawrence's term through 2014.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, The Court of Common Council passed a resolution on October 11, 2011 creating a "CDBG Task Force to study national best practices for CDBG disbursement and make recommendations for process improvements to the Grants Management Division, and

Whereas, It is imperative for the Council's appointments to the task force to represent extensive experience in the field of CDBG evaluations and selection, therefore be it

Resolved, That Marion Eichner be appointed by the City Council to the CDBG Task Force.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, It is the intent of the Court of Common Council not to hold the regularly scheduled Court of Common Council meeting on December 26, 2011 due to the Holiday Season; now therefore be it

Resolved, That any items submitted at the December 12, 2011 Council meeting including previously scheduled items that would appear for action on December 26, be automatically submitted to the regularly scheduled Council meeting of January 9, 2012.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Whereas, A majority of Hartford's population of 124,775 are of Latino or Hispanic origin based on the 2010 US Census, and

Whereas, An overwhelming majority of this population originates from the island nation of Puerto Rico, and

Whereas, This population still maintains a strong connection to the island of their roots, and

Whereas, This dynamic makes it incumbent on this community to opine via their elected representatives on issues on the island which effect their families, and property, and

Whereas, the Government of Puerto Rico has denied Puerto Ricans on the island, as well as those in the United States, an opportunity to express their views in public hearings using the pretext of an "energy emergency" which fast tracked the permitting process, foregoing a public comment phase, and

Whereas, The US Army Corps of Engineers issued a Public Notice for the Via Verde natural gas pipeline project on November 30, 2011 submitted by The Puerto Rico Power Electric Authority (PREPA), and

Whereas, The Federal public comment period for the Via Verde Environmental Assessment has just begun and ends on December 30, 2011, and

Whereas, The Via Verde natural gas pipeline, commonly known as "el gasoducto" on the island, is a proposed 24-inch diameter steel natural gas pipe line approximately 92 miles long with a construction right-of way of 150 feet wide, that transverses the island of Puerto Rico from

the "EcoEléctrica" Liquid Natural Gas Terminal in the municipality of Peñuelas, to the Cambalache thermoelectric power plant in the municipality of Arecibo, then east to the Palo Seco power plant facility in the municipalities of Toa Baja and San Juan, and

Whereas, The total project area is about 1,672 acres that will impact 235 river and wetland crossings, for a total of 369 acres of jurisdictional Waters of the United States, and

Whereas, The negative environmental impact on 34 endangered species, 235 bodies of water, and countless plant life are among the reasons that has led the US Fish & Wildlife Service (F&W) to recommend the denial of a PREPA's permit request for Via Verde, and

Whereas, A risk assessment states that the proposed pipeline passes near schools, universities, churches, public beaches, factories [and] densely transited freeways, and puts the health, life and property of over 200,000 people at risk of dangerous gas explosions, not unlike those experienced by San Bruno, California in 2010 and Carlsbad, New Mexico in 2000, and

Whereas, A 2011 poll by island newspaper, *El Nuevo Dia*, indicate that over 70% of the citizens of Puerto Rico oppose the construction of the pipeline, and

Whereas, PREPA has repeatedly failed to met its obligation under the National Environmental Policy for this project, has not received proper authorization from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), or adequately addressed the issues raised by several federal agencies, therefore let it be

Resolved, That the Hartford Court of Common Council urges the US Army Corps of Engineers to deny PREPA's permit request for the Via Verde pipeline, and let it further be

Resolved , That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to City of Hartford Representatives in Congress as well as the US Army Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville, Florida.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Resolved, That all pending items that remain before this Council be carried over to the incoming Council for 2012 – 2016.

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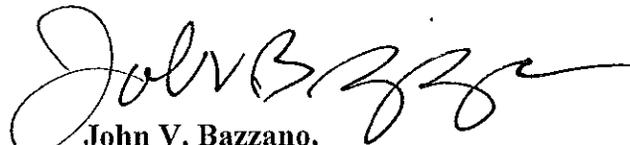
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate seven thousand dollars five hundred (\$7,500) to Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA) from the City Contribution toward Public Programs.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed as amended.

Whereas, A number of organizations are providing critical services to Hartford residents, and have additional needs for resources to support these services, therefore be it

Resolved, The City Public Contributions towards Public Programs Fund provide the following supports to the following organizations:

- \$3,000 to Leadership Greater Hartford for their continued work supporting efforts through Hartford Cares, in particular efforts to preserve and strengthen Hartford's basic human services safety net.
- \$1,000 to Hartford Artisans Weaving Center to meet the economic and social needs of people with disabilities, primarily blindness, and those who are elderly to learn the craft of hand weaving.
- \$1,000 to Keney Park Family Day Festival to support The Annual Family Day Festival in Keney Park serves as an important reminder of the economic, cultural, and social potential of Hartford's neighborhoods.
- \$1,000 to H.O.P.E. After School and Tutoring program: serves students, young people in the Noah Webster School area;
- \$1,000 to Hartford Harvest Market, a joint effort of several Hartford farmers' markets who offer a variety of locally grown produce, which features holiday merchandise from small shops and artisans, as well as live music and arts and crafts.

Resolve, These contributions are subject to the City Council's OMB process whereby proposal and financial documentation must be submitted to the Council OMB chairperson and meet the eligibility requirements and standards set for the City Council's City Public Contributions Fund.

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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocates two hundred dollars (\$200) to the Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) to offset the cost of their 2011 Annual block party from the City Contributions Towards Public Programs account.

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Resolved, That the Court of Common Council should transfer one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600) from the City Contributions Account to the Parks Division in lieu of direct contributions to offset Parks outstanding use fee for the Hartford Knights Midget Football League's use of Dillon Stadium for their 2011 football season.

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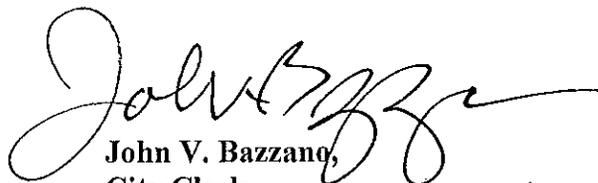
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This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the St. Justin Church for a handicap accessible ramp from the City Contribution toward Public Programs Account.

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Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate five thousand and five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) to the OPUS, Inc. from the City Contribution toward Public Programs Account.

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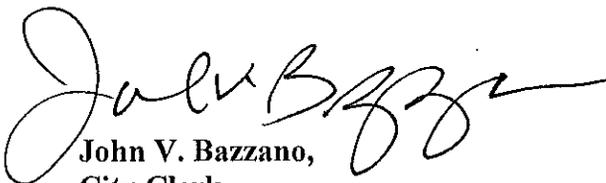
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Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Children's Advocacy Center, St. Francis Hospital from the City Contribution toward Public Programs Account.

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Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to the Judah House to continue serving women and improving the community from the City Contribution toward Public Programs Account.

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Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Blue Hills Civic Association for the City Contribution toward Public Programs.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John V. Bazzano".

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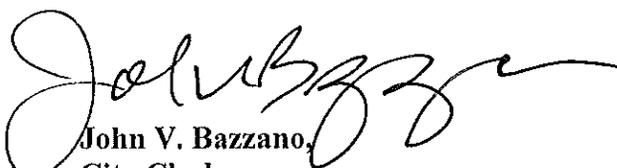
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December 12, 2011

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 12, 2011, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council allocate two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the Hartford 2000 Inc. from the City Contribution toward Public Programs Account.

Attest:


John V. Bazzano,
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Court of Common Council

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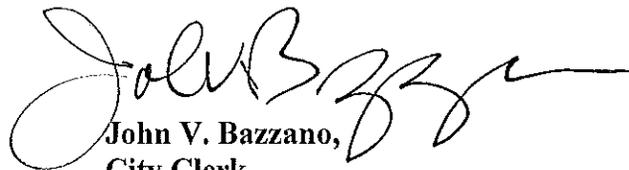
Whereas, Opus, Inc. Arts & The Aging is a unique community arts agency, dedicated to creating and promoting art programs for the elderly; and

Whereas, Since incorporated Opus, Inc., has created, produced, exhibited and taught the arts throughout the City to culturally diverse elderly participants, including low income minority and institutionalized elders in hospitals, senior centers and nursing homes; and

Whereas, This program with an intergenerational approach to the Arts is of value to the community; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Court of Common Council hereby designates \$1000 from the City Contributions towards Public Programs to OPUS, Inc. Arts & The Aging.

Attest:


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