

# Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD  
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## *Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee*

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## COMMUNICATION

September 24, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President  
City of Hartford  
550 Main Street, Room 208  
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Members of the Court of Common Council:

The Planning, Economic Development and Housing Committee meeting of the Court of Common Council of the City of Hartford met on September 4, 2018 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. Present were John Q. Gale, Chair, Glendowlyn L. H. Thames, Council President, Councilwoman Wildalez Bermudez, Councilwoman Maly D. Rosado and Councilman Larry Deutsch and non-committee members Councilman Thomas J. Clarke, II and Councilwoman Claudine Fox.

The following action was taken:

A Report was received from Laura Settlemyer, the Director of Blight Remediation for the City. Ms Settlemyer provided a power point presentation which provided facts, figures and photographs concerning the efforts and results achieved by the Blight Remediation team. Present with Ms Settlemyer were all of the employees of the team:

Gustavo Espinoza – Senior Project Manager/Chief of Inspections  
Michael Perez – Blight Remediation Enforcement Official  
John Stafford – Blight Inspector, North District

Tedd Rogalla – Blight Inspector, West District  
Bruce Funk – Blight Inspector, South District  
Paige Berschet – Americorps VISTA, 2018-2019.

Highlights of the activity of the team include:

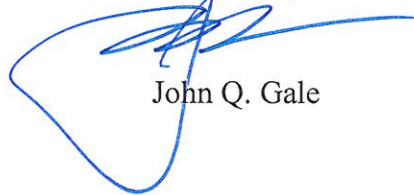
- 322 properties targeted
- 120 Notices of Violation issued
- 50 Citations issues
- 35 Liens placed
- 135 Properties have been remediated or are in progress towards that goal.

In addition, 13 Forebearance Agreements have been executed where the City agrees to forebear from pursuing its lien in consideration of bona fide efforts by the property owner to remediate.

Ms Settlemyer provided before and after pictures demonstrating the considerable efforts made by property owners to remediate with the commensurate economic benefit to the City.

Ms Settlemyer's report is attached hereto.

Sincerely, your chair,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Q. Gale', is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and includes a large, sweeping loop on the left side.

John Q. Gale