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**Mayor**

## **MAYOR SEGARRA PRAISES CITY COUNCIL FOR SHARING VISION ON FUTURE OF CAPITOL WEST BUILDING**

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(April 26, 2011) --- Almost one month to the day when Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and more than 50 business and community people urged swift action to take the Capitol West property by eminent domain so that it can be torn down, the Mayor applauds City Council for its unanimous support of this very effort.

“I want to thank the members of City Council for sharing this vision; one that is supported by business, community and neighborhood leaders. The 9-0 vote sends a strong message that we must remain vigilant and united as we move forward to remove this signature eyesore and prepare the property for economic development,” said Mayor Segarra.

“I also want to thank The Hartford for its continued and steadfast support in working with the City to achieve this redevelopment goal,” the Mayor added.

Last month, the Mayor, along with the MetroHartford Alliance, Hartford Business Improvement District, Greater Hartford Transit District, and the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association called for fast and decisive action. The Mayor thanks these organizations for their support.

“Make no mistake, while some would have you believe that this project is too costly, the cost of inaction would be far greater and far more devastating in the long run,” the Mayor said then and echoes that statement again today.

Also last month, the Hartford Redevelopment Authority voted 4-1 in favor of the City acquiring the property through eminent domain.

“This series of votes and important decisions continues the City’s positive momentum. We are one step closer to eliminating this blighted building from the view of the thousands of people who pass it each and every day,” stated Mayor Segarra.

The Capitol West property has been called everything from a “public safety hazard” to a “roadblock in progress” to a “tremendous embarrassment that portrays the wrong image” of Connecticut’s Capital City.

The Capital West project is one of 60 development projects the City of Hartford is currently pursuing that have been shared with Governor Malloy. The Mayor believes that the Capitol West demolition and redevelopment will represent a hallmark achievement for the city, region, and state.