



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

MAYOR RECOMMENDS 3 TO SERVE ON HARTFORD PARKING AUTHORITY

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(January 24, 2011) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra is submitting to City Council tonight the appointments of three people to serve on the Hartford Parking Authority.

Rex Fowler is currently the Executive Director of the Hartford Community Loan Fund, an independent community lending agency, and has more than 20 years of commercial finance experience. He is a resident of the Northeast neighborhood and is active in the Northeast NRZ. He has a MBA from Abilene Christian University and graduated cum laude from Harding University in Arkansas.

Jose Rene Martinez Onofre, who resides in Downtown Hartford, is an Assistant Attorney General at the State Attorney General's Office, where he represents the Department of Consumer Protection and specializes in the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA). He previously served as the Community Relations Officer for the Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Administration and is a graduate of the UCONN School of Law, where he received the Cali Excellence Award for Trial Practice.

William R. Breetz is the President and Executive Director of the Connecticut Urban Legal Initiative at UCONN School of Law and works at Levy & Droney. He has more than 30 years of legal experience, his practice specializes in real estate and administrative law, and he is a former President of the Knox Foundation. He was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia Law School. He lives in the West End.

"These gentlemen have impeccable records of service to our community and will enhance the ability of the Hartford Parking Authority to achieve its goals. I urge Council to quickly approve these appointments," said Mayor Segarra.

The purpose of the Hartford Parking Authority is to create, finance, maintain, and operate the City's parking facilities and to regulate the uses of and collect revenues from on-street parking kiosks and meters. HPA is government by a five-member board--- all of whom must be residents of the city and whose terms are for five years.