



Pedro E. Segarra
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**MAYOR SEGARRA APPLAUDS
COLLABORATIVE BUDGET PROCESS
“TURNING POINT” IN CITY’S HISTORY**

---NEWS AND COMMUNITY STATEMENT---

(May 24, 2011) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra issued this statement in response to the Court of Common Council’s 9-0 vote to adopt the FY 2011-12 Budget:

“I want to thank our residents, community leaders, and City Council for putting committing to a collaborative effort that allows us to reach and ultimately adopt -- by a unanimous vote -- a balanced, fair, and progressive budget that defines a clear short and long-term vision for the City, controls spending and focuses on critical quality of life issues. This not only was done in a record timeframe, but this milestone marks a turning point in our City’s history where a ‘business as usual’ approach is no longer accepted. This is truly a crowning achievement for the City of Hartford and I am proud of the cooperation, patience, and respect we have all demonstrated towards each other throughout this process,” stated Mayor Segarra.

The City's 2011-2012 Adopted Budget features a reduced mill rate and a renewed focus on quality of life issues -- including revitalizing the Capitol City's Parks System. The Mayor also highlighted the effort to improve customer service, and increase efficiency and accountability for Department Heads and city employees.

“This budget, and the entire process for that matter, reflects my administration’s mission and goals. Together, we achieved a balanced budget that meets the needs of the residents and businesses of our diverse City. I am proud of the prudent and responsible fiscal decisions that were made; decisions that expand opportunities and jobs for city residents and keep Public Safety, Summer Youth Employment, essential city services, and economic development as priorities so that Hartford can grow and prosper,” said Mayor Segarra.

Mayor Segarra thanked his staff and department heads, City Council, and Leadership Greater Hartford for their tireless effort and commitment to a transparent and open budget process.