



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASES BEING EVALUATED

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(August 13, 2010)--- As part of the Mayor's initiative to improve communications, relations, and transparency, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has asked the City of Hartford's Office of Corporation Counsel to review a number of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) files to reassess which ones the City will pursue. For instance, the appeal involving the Arena Task Force case is being withdrawn. Corporation Counsel Sandra Kee Borges has directed outside counsel to do so immediately.

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra said, "It is a priority of this administration that we provide information upon request while following all the appropriate measures and procedures."

Kee Borges adds, "We all must be sensitive to the fact that gathering and dispensing public information is a two-way street and sometimes it does take extra time to obtain all appropriate documentation. We ask those making inquiries to please be precise in their requests and patient with a reasonable turn-around time."

The Office of Human Relations will set up FOIA training sessions for staff members of departments that deal with a large number of these requests.