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HARTFORD NATIVE AND NFL COACH ERIC MANGINI SUPPORTS HARTFORD CURFEW

---NEWS RELEASE---

(September 3, 2008)--- Hartford native and NFL Coach Eric Mangini is offering his full support to Mayor Eddie A. Perez, Police Chief Darryl K. Roberts, and Superintendent Steven J. Adamowski on the strong measures they are taking to ensure that the young people in our city are safe, engaged in positive activities, and preparing themselves for the next day of school.

Despite his busy NFL schedule, Coach Mangini called Mayor Perez to emphasize his support of the curfew and wants to play a role in providing a positive message and potential activities to Hartford youth.

The 30-day emergency curfew went into effect on August 14th. Since then, 123 warnings have been issued.

Coach Mangini, in his third season as Head Coach of the New York Jets, was born in Hartford, graduated from Bulkeley High School, and continues to hold football camps each year for city youth.

The Coach's endorsement follows entertainment legend Bill Cosby's public praise of the Mayor's strong stance on responsible parenting. Dr. Cosby supports the curfew and other strategic actions the City is taking to help curb violence, strengthen families, and increase the vibrancy of our neighborhoods.

Mayor Perez says, "Once again, this support echoes what I am hearing from families throughout the city. We know this emergency 30-day curfew will not solve the problem, but it is intended to ensure that our youngsters are in a safe environment while we implement tougher investigation and enforcement activities. Most importantly, it sends a strong message that someone must take responsibility for the whereabouts of our kids."