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## CITY OF DANBURY

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The Hon. Joseph Cavo, President  
Danbury City Council  
155 Deer Hill Ave.,  
Danbury, CT 06810

February 16, 2011

### **Re: Parade and Public Assemblies Ordinance**

Dear President Cavo and City Council Members:

The Parade and Public Assemblies Ordinance was put before the council in 2007. Since then we've seen illustrations of some initial concerns we shared regarding the bill.

Generally these concerns fell within the Assemblies portion of the legislation, the thresholds or people limits and certain definitions or lack thereof.

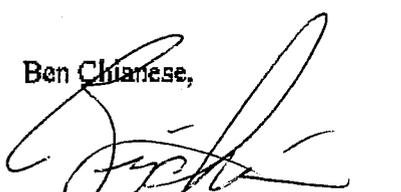
For instance, the expansive language has created unnecessary apprehension among the public, led to self-imposed limits on the right of free assembly and may prove burdensome to the police, which could result in uneven execution. In addition the bill did not completely meet all the requirements the City Charter imposes after an ordinance leaves the council, factors which make it vulnerable to court challenge.

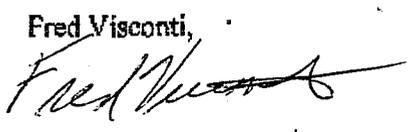
There is also the not insignificant matter of cost, and who if anyone should reimburse the city for expenses incurred in implementation.

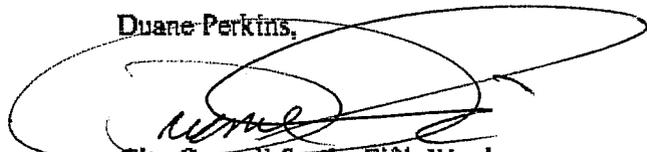
At this time we respectfully request that the city council take the matter up and form a committee to examine the soundness of the passage of the Parade and Public Assemblies Ordinance and the broad scope of the language contained therein.

Thank you for your kind consideration regarding this matter,

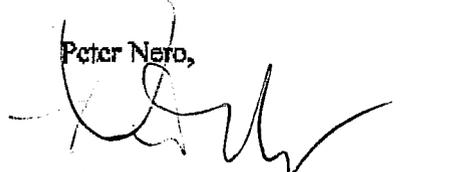
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