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Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Danbury

Dear Council Members:

I hereby submit for your confirmation the appointment and promotion of the following accomplished members of the Police Department to the position of Police Detective:

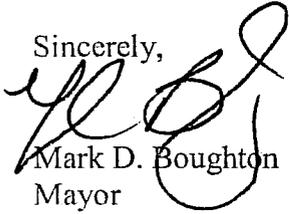
**Police Officer Heather Burke** – Officer Burke began her career with the Danbury Police Department on December 12, 2001. Officer Burke has made valuable contributions to the Department through the many roles she has served such as a Field Training Officer, VALE Officer, Recruitment Team Volunteer and a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team. Officer Burke also serves as a part-time Crime Scene Technician and Rifleman. She has received numerous letters of Appreciation and Unit Citations throughout her career. She received a Unit Citation in October 2011 for using her exceptional communication, coordination and investigation techniques to recover stolen property and locate and arrest a felon thereby preventing future burglaries. Officer Burke received another Unit Citation in July 2011 for her quick action and collaborative effort in locating three felons and recovering stolen property. Officer Burke has achieved the current rank of number one (1) on the Police Detective Eligibility List.

**Police Officer Harold Usher** – Officer Usher began his career with the Danbury Police Department on January 11, 2002. Officer Usher has made valuable contributions to the department by acting as the City Center liaison through the Community Conditions Unit from April 2007 through February 2012 and serving as a part-time Evidence Technician. Officer Usher also was a member of the Bike Patrol and Safe Neighborhoods Program and was instrumental in creating and establishing the Department's Citizen Police Academy. Officer Usher has received numerous letters of appreciation and commendations throughout his career including his receipt of the Exceptional Police Service award in May 2009 for his efforts to save the life of a drowning victim and give her a fighting chance for surviving an accident. He also received a Medal of Bravery in October 2011 for the foot pursuit of an armed and dangerous felon who had escaped from prison and had been involved in two bank robberies and a carjacking. Additionally, he received a Meritorious Citation in March 2012 for his combined efforts in locating and apprehending three suspects in several shooting, recovering stolen weapons and removing these dangerous felons from the streets. Officer Usher is currently ranked number two (2) on the Police Detective Eligibility List.

It is quite evident that these highly qualified and skilled individuals will be a tremendous asset to the Danbury Police Department and to the citizens of Danbury. I am proud and honored to submit their confirmation for promotion to the position of Police Detective.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton  
Mayor