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Honorable Members of the City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Re: Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority
Charles Ives Birthplace
Preservation Restriction

Dear Council Members:

The Danbury Museum and Historical Society Authority has submitted an application for grant funding to the State Historic Preservation Office Historic Restoration Fund grant program for restoration of the Charles Ives Birthplace located at Mountainville Avenue. The grant funding will be utilized to rehabilitate the exterior of this building and is phase one of a multi-phase plan to restore this gem to its prior glory as a locus for tourism, programming and educational opportunities. As part of the grant application process, the City Council is required to approve the placement of a Preservation Restriction upon the Mountainville Avenue property.

The Preservation Restriction contains provisions that require the property and building to be preserved and maintained for the protection of the historical and architectural qualities of the property for a period of twenty years. You have approved similar restrictive covenants in the past (i.e. Back-O-Beyond).

Given the fact that time is of the essence due to the deadline set by the State Historic Preservation Office, I respectfully request that this matter be placed on the consent calendar and that the Preservation Restriction be approved subject to the completion of all necessary modifications and documentation in a form acceptable to the Office of the Corporation Counsel.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor