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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor Mark D. Boughton via the City Council

FROM: David St. Hilaire, Director of Finance *DH*

DATE: January 25, 2016 **CERTIFICATION #3**

SUBJECT: Certification of Funds –Hat City Monument and Office of Project Excellence

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Pursuant to the attached requests, I hereby certify the availability of funds for the following:

Hat City Monument – up to \$50,000 to match Union Savings Bank funds  
Zoom Foundation Fellowship – Cost share of \$5,000 required to host a Zoom Fellow  
State Lobbying Services - up to \$25,000 to secure lobbying services

These appropriations will come from the Contingency account 002.9300-5855.

The status of the Contingency account is as follows:

Budgeted Amount:	\$475,000
Previous Certifications:	
Charles Ives Authority:	55,404
Holiday Lights:	65,000
This Request	<u>80,000</u>
Balance:	\$274,596

Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Attachment



*City of Danbury*  
*City Council*

November 24, 2015

Joseph Cavo, President  
Danbury City Council  
155 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear President Cavo and City Council Members:

In 2014 the Danbury City Council established Hat City Danbury Day to be celebrated on the first Tuesday of December in honor of Danbury's hatting past. On Hat City Danbury Day we encourage residents to wear traditional hats, promote civic and academic based historic programs/lectures and hold a brief program at the City Council.

During last year's Hat City Danbury Day program the Hat City Monument committee, which we serve on, unveiled a model of the proposed Hatters' monument. While there have been some delays in moving this project forward the Committee met with the Mayor and city staff to finalize a location and outline a fundraising plan to cover the estimated cost of \$125,000-\$140,000. To that end the Committee has secured a grant of \$50,000 from Union Savings bank which does requires matching city funds. The Committee plans to cover the expected remaining cost of between \$25,000 - \$40,000 through a local fundraising campaign.

We understand that a commitment of this amount from the City requires further consideration. Therefore we request the appointing of an Ad Hoc Committee to review this request for matching funds of \$50,000 from the City of Danbury. The amount being equally divided between the current and next fiscal years.

The Hat City Monument Committee will provide supporting documents and information to the Ad Hoc Committee including a budget, fundraising plan and project schedule.

We hope you will support this endeavor and we are available to respond to any questions.

Truly,



**Thomas J. Saadi**  
City Council Minority Leader



**Andrew Wetmore**  
City Councilman at Large

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