



CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

VIA HAND DELIVERY

August 18, 2006

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

RE: Grant Agency Review Board Ad Hoc

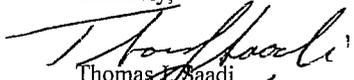
Dear President Cavo:

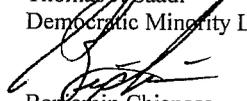
For several years Council members have expressed concerns over the City's methodology for dividing up more than \$1 million dollars between local charitable and civic organization commonly known as "Grant Agencies." As such, we are writing to request the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to make recommendations to the Common Council regarding the establishment of a Grant Agency review board or panel.

While most grant agencies efficiently provide excellent services for abused children, the homeless, and the mentally and physically disabled, there have been questions raised in the past about some entities spending and concerns over provision of duplicative services. Such a board or panel could function as a neutral body, similar to that of the United Way, to review grant agency funding requests and make recommendations to the City. This could remove the arbitrary political pressures from the funding process.

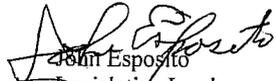
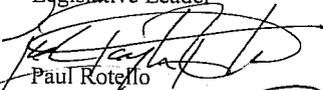
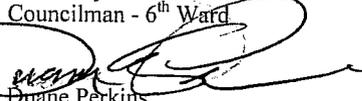
We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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Democratic Minority Leader


Benjamin Chianese
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