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CITY OF DANBURY

155 DEER HILL AVENUE

DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

COMMON COUNCIL

November 22, 2006

Joe Cavo, President
Danbury Common Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: Ordinance – Sale of City Park and Open Space

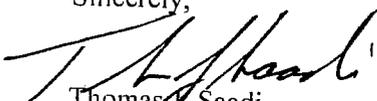
Dear President Cavo:

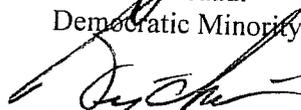
We are writing to request that the City of Danbury adopt an ordinance establishing new procedures for the sale, leasing or otherwise transferring ownership of city owned land which is part of a City owned park, recreation area, or otherwise designated as preserved for open space. We recommend that the city adopt an ordinance requiring that the common council publish notice of a proposed sale or lease and hold a public hearing prior to conducting a vote on any such sale or lease. Additionally, any such sale or lease would also require a positive recommendation from the appropriate park or municipal over-site board, commission or authority (e.g. Richter Park Authority, Terrywile Park Authority.)

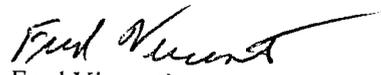
Should the appropriate authority fail to provide a positive recommendation the Common Council could only approve the sale or lease of the land in question by a 3/5 vote of the entire membership of the Common Council. While Section 3-17 of the Charter requires approval by "at least two-thirds [(2/3)] of the entire membership of the Common Council for the sale or lease of city land," we can read the text "at least" in a manner as not to prohibit the Common Council from establishing a higher threshold. That said, even if read so as not to allow for a 3/5 vote requirement the other procedures could be established.

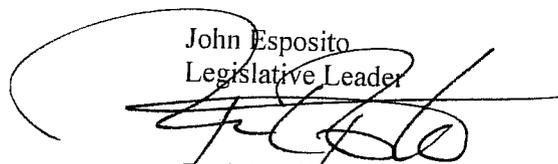
We thank the members of the Council for their review and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


Thomas Saadi
Democratic Minority Leader


Benjamin Chianese
Councilman - 6th Ward


Fred Visconti
Councilman – 5th Ward


John Esposito
Legislative Leader
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Councilman - 6th Ward


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