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Honorable Members of the Common Council
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Dear Common Council Members:

The City of Danbury adopted our Plan of Conservation and Development in 2002. The lengthy PCD process of research incorporated 1990 U.S. Census statistics and data from a 1997 Community Attitude Survey. Connecticut General Statutes requires an update of our PCD once every ten years. We must begin preliminary planning now as we anticipate completion of the mandated update in 2012.

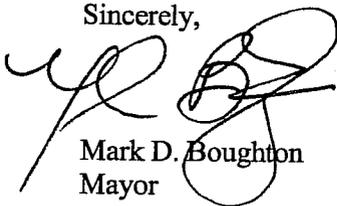
Danbury has experienced many changes in the past ten years including population growth unforeseen in 1997. During the last several years we have experienced strong growth in commercial and residential development. Since our Plan of Conservation & Development was adopted in 2002, my administration has developed a comprehensive Transportation Plan, an Economic Development Plan, a Parks & Recreation Plan and launched several major open space initiatives. All of these important changes must be considered as we begin development of the 2012 Plan of Conservation & Development.

Our planning process requires your support for funding of professional services engaged to complete preliminary tasks. We must update the PCD *Trends & Forecasts* section by incorporating 2000 US Census data and changes in community development patterns; we must conduct a new *Community Attitude Survey* to update findings of the 1997 survey; and we must prepare a new *Current Land Use Map*. The projected cost of these services is \$40,000.

Finally, I will appoint a *Planning Task Force* of community representatives to begin assessing potential amendments to the current Plan of Conservation & Development. The *Planning Task Force* will consider "Smart Growth" initiatives and consider recommendations of the Housatonic Valley Council of elected Official's *Regional Plan of Conservation & Development*.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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