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Val,

This is the letter that I just spoke to you about.

Jim

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Happy Thanksgiving,

Best,

**Garrett S. Bolella, PE, PTOE**

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**From:** [Anthony Hofilena](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** LU30.032 RESURGENT pls forward to full board  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:50:12 PM

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To Whom This May Concern (City of Stamford Full Board of Representatives) , We (Unit # 7 owners) are a 100% are strongly Not in Favor of any type of Eminent Domain issued or granted in our neighborhood and/or on or near 256 Washington Boulevard (Bridgewater Condominums) Stamford Ct 06902. This is our home and property and where we live. Many and majority of our unit owners are also not in agreement with this decision and are against eminent domain on our property. There is no justifiable need to place eminent domain on or near our property at All. You will not force us out of our homez. We Will Take Legal Action Whenever/If Necessary. Thank You                      Regards, Anthony Hofilena and Catherine Hofilena (Unit 7 at 256 Washington Blvd Stamford CT)

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**From:** [Alessandra De Yot Lovo](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** LU30.032 RES URGENT please forward to full board  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 4:25:13 PM

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## **LU30.032 RES URGENT please forward to full board**

I am the owner of unit 2 in 256 Washington Blvd. And have just been made aware of these proceedings and efforts to acquire part of our property under eminent domain. I am disheartened that so much planning has already taken place apparently without any effort to notify us or make us a part of the process.

I strongly oppose the heavy-handed approach of eminent domain as the first approach to this situation without regards to the implications of affected property owners.

Alessandra De Yot Lovo  
256 Washington Blvd #2

**From:** [bridgewater256@aol.com](mailto:bridgewater256@aol.com)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** "URGENT" RE: LU30.032 RES URGENT please forward to full board  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:42:47 PM

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**LU30.032 RES URGENT please forward to full board of representatives**

**Dear Board of Representative:**

**We are a condominium association consisting of 18 families at 256 Washington Blvd, the area of this proposed expansion of Washington Blvd, with no formal notice to any owner.**

**And we are aware that our neighbors were also never notified along Washington Blvd.,and are also not in agreement.**

**We are opposed to any of our property taken for eminent domain.**

**If you have any further questions or comments please forward them to:**

**Bridgewater Condominium Association Inc**

**c/o**

**The Property Group**

**25 Crescent Street**

**Stamford, CT. 06906**

**Kind regards,**

**Vince McClean**

**President**

**Bridgewater Condominium Association**

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**LU30.032 RES URGENT**

Dear Board of Representatives:

Re: LU30.032

As an owner and longtime resident of the South End I completely oppose to any eminent domain of our property: 256 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT.

If you have any further notices regarding this matter please mail to:

McClean

P.O. Box 704

Riverside, CT 06878

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Carol Ann McClean

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**Please forward to full board**

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-----Original Message-----

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**To:** bridgewater256 <bridgewater256@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tue, Dec 3, 2019 4:36 pm  
**Subject:** Re: "URGENT" BOR MEETING HAS EMINENT DOMAIN REQ FOR WASHINGTON BLVD TONIGHT!

I am ABSOLUTELY opposed to eminent domain. I depend on this income for my retirement subsistence. It is my pension along with my social security. My life savings are in this condo. This is unfair to us as middle class Americans who have a chance to own a property that will in time be worth more money in a different type of development setting. This will create a hardship for all of us.

NO NO NO

Janet Olszewski  
Jay Bee Associates  
Unit One

Sent from my iPad

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See below. This is from the COO of Point 72, in Waterside.

Jim

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Hi Garrett,

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Thanks for pushing this forward and we're hopeful for a positive outcome at tonight's meeting.

Good Luck!

Lauren

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December 3, 2019

TO: Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer City of Stamford

RE: Widening of Washington Boulevard and Pulaski Street Meeting (12/3/2019)

Dear Garrett, after receiving your email regarding the above-mentioned project, reading the content of your email and discovering that this vital main roadway improvement project in our rapidly growing town may be shutdown shocked me. This project has been under consideration for quite some time now and all signs pointed to a positive outcome that will improve safety, reduce dangerous congestion and also improve the “look” of a heavily traveled area by vehicle, pedestrians and cyclists. To hear the last vote ended in a tie which equals a fail is disheartening. Please share the content of this letter on our behalf.

Stamford, CT is a city of great attraction and growth. Corporate attraction and population growth equals revenue and we cannot imagine there could be no positive ROI with this project being approved. The actual area for this project is completely in disarray, rundown, dangerous and causing unnecessary congestion.

We at Vitesse Worldwide would like to share that our Shuttle Buses must deliver all passengers safely, that is priority #1 for us and I would believe it is the same for all members of the voting organization for the City of Stamford. We encounter delays for our valued clientele, roads that are simply in need of paving not to mention a robust remapping (I’ve lived here all my life and there have been no improvements in this area that I can recall, yet our city continues to grow in leaps and bounds, doesn’t make sense). In order to continue to deliver passengers safely we were all very excited about the improvement plan which shows us Stamford values the corporations we now attract, I am puzzled at this point that this massive plan could be tossed aside. Stamford, CT has built a beautiful, upscale corporate office park and residences in the Cummings Point section of town, we have attracted prominent corporations yet there is only access to town through a dilapidated corridor. The development of a proper road system that connects this area to downtown Stamford is well overdue.

We are constructing apartment buildings everywhere in this area which equals additional traffic, yet still no improvement plan approved.

My question to those that hold the deciding vote, what is your plan for safe redevelopment? You are dealing with an area of town that is heavily traveled, extremely dangerous with narrow roadways, parking on both sides of the streets (both commercial and residential), a “flashing light only” at a major 3 way intersection that to be honest with you, I do not believe the general population of Stamford understands the definition of who has the right of way with the current set-up.

I look forward to receiving the minutes from this meeting that unfortunately I could not attend (and I would have had much more than 3 minutes of facts to share) and the final outcome which I do have faith will be to improve our roadways as we are building our great city. Think about it, we are packing the people in and not giving anyone a venue to get from point to point on our roadways.

In closing, has every voter on the Board taken a walk, during rush hours periods in both the morning and evening? Have these members driven their vehicles through this area at the same rush hour timeframes? How was your experience? We care about Stamford's Corporate employees and our vote is to move forward with this project.

Sincerely,

Dana M. Griffin  
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CC: Deanna Ruggles, Gartner  
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Shawn Abaspor, Vitesse Worldwide

**From:** [Wilfred Wong](#)  
**To:** [Board of Representatives](#)  
**Subject:** LU30.032 RES URGENT please forward to full board  
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My name is Wilfred Wong, I have been a resident of Stamford for over 5 years now and have come to appreciate living here, laying down roots and being a part of this community. I am strongly against any eminent domain actions and would instead recommend allowing the marketplace to properly determine the best use of the land for the community, rather than forcefully displacing longtime residents in the name of short term profits and transient populations.