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December 9, 2019

Garrett S. Bolella
Traffic Engineer, City of Stamford
888 Washington Blvd., 7th Floor
Stamford, CT 06901

RE: Washington Blvd and Pulaski Street Bridge

Dear Mr. Bolella,

Soundview Farms, LLC. owns and operates approximately 285,000 SF of commercial office space in the south east corner of the Waterside community of Stamford between Top Gallant Rd., Cummings Point and Gatehouse Rd. We have 7 tenants with the two largest being Gartner Group and Point 72 Wealth Management. All of our tenants rely heavily on access to the downtown Transportation Center. Currently, the commute time during rush hour from our office park to the train station, a mere 1.9 miles, can take upwards of 25 minutes due to congestion along Greenwich Avenue and over the Pulaski Street Bridge. As a local business owner and a concerned member of the Stamford community, we strongly encourage the City to approve traffic remediation plans for this corridor, especially the traffic circle on Greenwich Avenue and the road across the Pulaski Bridge. Decreasing congestion and commute times to the train station will be imperative in Stamford's ability to continue to attract and retain large corporations whose employees travel from outside of Fairfield County.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 203-359-2210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clayton Fowler", with a large circular flourish at the end.

Clayton Fowler
Managing Partner
Soundview Farms, LLC.

From: [David Michel](#)
To: [de la Cruz, Virgil](#)
Cc: [Representative David Michel](#); [Flores, Joshua](#); lesperanceisreal@outlook.com; [Sheila Barney](#); [susan Halpern](#); virgildlc@optonline.net; [Board of Representatives](#); [Humberto Juarez](#)
Subject: Re: WATERSIDE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS
Date: Tuesday, December 17, 2019 8:46:41 AM

Hello Representative DeLaCruz,

I hope this email finds you well.

You can view below the last communication from you to your district. You are unfortunately very insistent at attempting to convince the residents of waterside to push for the project with little word that a STAMFORD family on the other side of the bridge could have their home taken away from them, where they have been residing in since 1977. I am stoic about your efforts to dismiss (or ignoring of) their situation in your communications to the waterside. The bike lanes on the new design are adding width to the road which might actually make the difference with the Lesperance family keeping their home or not, and just the fact you do not seem interested in researching this tells a lot. The distance from that house from its last bottom step to the edge of the sidewalk is roughly 22 feet. Its 12 feet for a lane and 6 feet for a sidewalk.. is the city aiming to strip them of their property and income generator, at an unfair cost (eminent domain), based on additional features?

I am concerned because you basically are not explaining clearly to your resident your position that this family should not keep their home in order to add a lane (and two bike lanes that stop before the 2 lane bridge) of a few hundred feet in my district in the South End, an extra lane that will come quickly to a close in front of the Pulaski entrance of the charter garage and before a two lane bridge.

I understand you volunteered eminent domain for your property which is on the other side, by the "round-about project", and therefore sold your property to this project.

I have serious concern on your approach with your constituency, not informing them properly of what the stakes are (such is my perception). By making a motion to hold the item, you basically held this unfair and unjustified and certainly intense pressure on my constituents for an additional month. This interest from developers or from the city has already divided this family in the past, and it seems the city has little to no compassion in this aspect, including in this letter asking for support that is below this email. You were even a witness to one of the past proposals by the developer at the time.. and therefore are well aware of the interests the developers have in this matter. The city is in a deal with BLT so BLT takes care of the road work while the city buys the house, according to Jim Travers, director of traffic, and that says a lot. My constituent has always been willing to negotiate, and he proved it in the past and you were a witness..Interestingly enough BLT bought the neighboring house (smaller) for 1.5 Million during the summer and that also says a lot.

I would highly suggest that you are more fully informative with constituents..in your district, because sometimes volunteering partial information is misdirecting. People testifying at the BOR, last time, from Waterside, seemed to know nothing or not much about the eminent domain and the fact a family would be stripped of their home and source of income, with unfortunately very little regards from the board of reps member that volunteered his own property into eminent domain for that same project. You clearly no longer have any financial interest in the matter but you had financial interest prior to volunteering your property to

eminent domain.

Mr Delacruz, were you approached before there was an item on the agenda about a potential eminent domain on your property? Did you find out after the fact, or the same day, I should ask, as Mr Lesperance..?

State Representative Michel

Rep. Michel

***CT State Representative for the 146th House District,
Honored to represent South End, Shippan and Downtown in Stamford,
As the rest of Connecticut.***

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From: <waterside@watersidecoalition.org>
Date: December 16, 2019 at 12:20:52 PM EST
To: "Virgil de la Cruz" <virgildlc@optonline.net>
Subject: WATERSIDE TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Waterside Neighbor,

Following is and update on the Board of Representatives Tuesday December 3 meeting to, among other agenda items, consider a resolution for rights-of-way acquisition to allow widening of Pulaski Street.

Discussion of this item was lengthy and animated, or one could say agitated. The minutes and video are available on line at http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=14&clip_id=8841.

In summary, there was conflicting information on procedures available to the Administration to negotiate

for the needed rights-of-way other than the Board Resolution requested by the Administration. To clear up this confusion and allow emotions to cool down, I and my co-chair of the Land Use Committee made a motion to hold the item to clarify the proper procedures available to the Administration. After considerable discussion the motion to hold passed on a close 19 to 16 vote.

The Administration, via a different procedure, is now embarking on negotiations for the required rights of way. The matter will most likely come back before the Board of Representatives for the February meeting.

We will need to continue communicating to the Board the urgent need for the project when the matter comes up again. I'll keep you posted.

Regards,

Virgil de la Cruz

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