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Representative Harry Day, Chair
Land Use and Urban Redevelopment Committee
Stamford Board of Representatives
888 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

Re: Request of Charter Oak Communities for Board of Representatives Approval to Acquire 195 and 211 Stillwater Avenue, Stamford, CT by Eminent Domain

Dear Representative Day:

Our firm is serving as legal counsel to the Stamford Housing Authority, d/b/a Charter Oak Communities ("COC"), in its adoption of the Vidal Court Redevelopment Plan (the "Plan") and in its efforts to acquire the properties located at 195 and 211 Stillwater Avenue in Stamford by purchase or eminent domain in furtherance of the Plan. By letter from Vincent Tufo dated June 3, 2013, COC requested the Board of Representatives' (the "Board") approval of the Plan and of the acquisition of those two properties.

As explained in Mr. Tufo's letter, COC is acting in this matter as a redevelopment agency pursuant to Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 8-124, *et seq*. As such, COC is required by the governing statutes to obtain the Board's approval, as the legislative body for the City of Stamford, before proceeding with the Plan (§ 8-127) or the use of eminent domain (§ 8-128). As the Board has already approved the Plan, the only remaining action that is required is for the Board to approve COC's acquisition of the two properties by eminent domain.

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COC has taken all legally required steps to date in pursuing both the approval of the Plan and the acquisition of 195 and 211 Stillwater Avenue by eminent domain. Other than this pending request for Board approval, which I understand is on your agenda for tonight's meeting, no further action by the City of Stamford will be required. In particular, the additional actions required by the City's Charter when a City agency is condemning property do not apply to COC.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any further assistance, please do hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

Joseph P. Williams

Cc: Jonathan Gottlieb

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