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Mayor David Martin  
Mr. Matthew Quinones, President, Board of Representatives  
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City of Stamford  
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Stamford, CT 06902

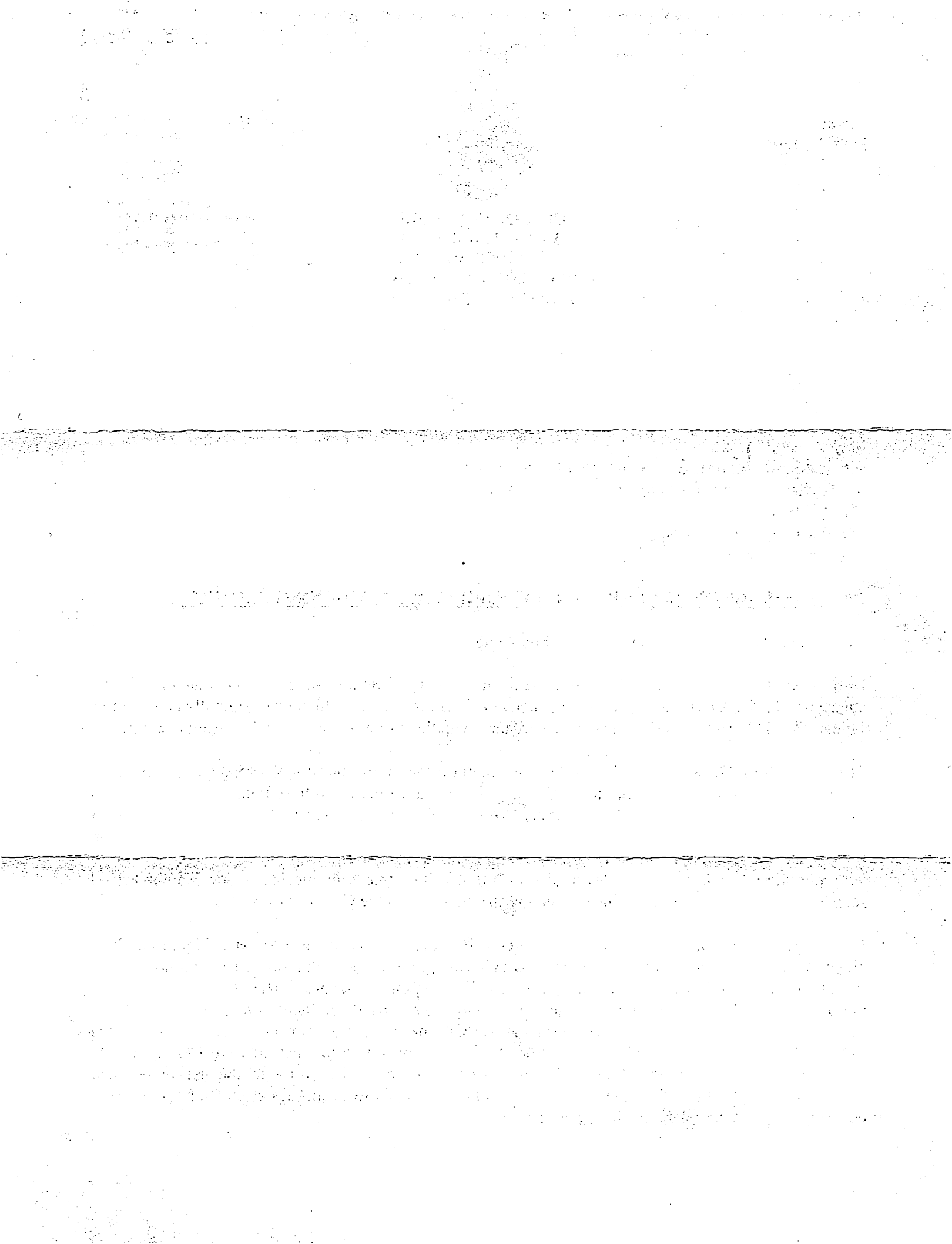
**RE: WASHINGTON BOULEVARD & PULASKI STREET WIDENING PROJECT**

Dear Mayor Martin, Mr. Quinones & Mr. Freedman:

During our regularly scheduled meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, the Planning Board engaged in further discussion regarding the above referenced project, which was originally heard at the January 7, 2020 meeting and referred in accordance with the requirements of the Stamford Charter.

The Engineering Department is looking to implement a long-term plan for the roadway widening of Washington Boulevard, between Henry Street and Atlantic Street as well as Pulaski Street, between Washington Boulevard and the Pulaski Street Bridge. This area was identified in the Stamford Master Plan as a barrier to improving transportation and traffic operations around the Stamford Transportation Center and to the South End. This project serves as a critical connection between the Stamford Transportation Center and the City's \$5,000,000.00+ investment in the Waterside Neighborhood scheduled for construction this winter, which is also included in the City's Master Plan.

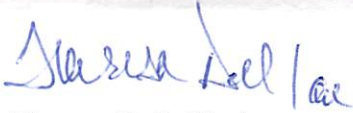
In order to widen Pulaski Street from Washington Boulevard to the Pulaski Street Bridge, as well as along Washington Boulevard, the City must acquire the property at 21 Pulaski Street, and portions of the properties at 4 Pulaski Street, 256 and 274 Washington Boulevard. The Board reviewed the options presented for this widening project, including exercising its eminent domain powers. While the Board understands that in certain instances the City needs to use eminent domain to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; however, the Board strongly urges that all remedies, especially negotiation with the owners of the affected properties, be exhausted prior to the use of eminent domain. If negotiations fail, then the City should acquire these properties exercising its eminent domain powers to complete this important project.



After some discussion, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend approval of the acquisition by negotiation or eminent domain, subject to the statutory requirement in Connecticut General Statute §48-12, that the City attempted to negotiate a purchase prior to exercising its eminent domain power for the Washington Boulevard & Pulaski Street Widening Project and found this request to be compatible with the neighborhoods affected and consistent with the 2015 Master Plan.

Sincerely,

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theresa Dell lac".

Theresa Dell, Chair

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cc: James Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief  
Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer  
David W. Woods, Deputy Director of Planning