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Board of Finance Chairman announces live public hearing streaming initiative for the second year in a row/visit to Hartford.

March 10, 2015:

For the second year in a row, Board of Finance Chairman Louizos has worked in collaboration with the Mayor's Office, and the President and Fiscal Committee of the Board of Representatives, to have the March 24th Joint Public Hearing streamed live for members of the public that cannot attend. For those residents unable to attend in person, written testimony of up to three (3) pages will be accepted until 3 pm on March 31, 2015. You may submit written testimony to Lorraine Gilden; Clerk of the Board via e-mail

at: <u>lgilden@stamfordct.gov</u> or call Lorraine at (203) 977-4699 for further information on how to submit written testimony.

The following links have now been set up for the live streaming of the public hearing:

- Here is the link to the announcement of this event: Stamford News & Announcement: http://www.stamfordct.gov/home/news/joint-board-of-finance-board-of-representative-public-hearing
- This is the link directly to the location of the event stream as it is happening: https://new.livestream.com/accounts/7447882/events/3855395

The joint public hearing will also be re-played on the City's website and the Stamford Government Center Facebook page.

Following last year's visit to Washington D.C. to discuss priority budget issues, Chairman Louizos will schedule a day's worth of events in Hartford to discuss the key issues with respect to FY 2015-16 priority budget issues. It is anticipated that the Hartford trip will be scheduled prior to the scheduled Board of Finance's Mill Rate meeting in May. The schedule of events will be announced once finalized.