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February 20, 2009
Mayor Dannel Malloy
Stamford, CT



Re: Recommended 2009/10 Capital Budget & 2010-2016 Capital Program

Dear Mayor Malloy:

In accordance with Section C8-20-6 of the Stamford Charter, the Planning Board transmits herewith the recommended Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2009/10 in the amount of \$80,953,613. Anticipated repayments through reimbursable grants and offsetting revenues would bring the **net** cost to the City for 2009/2010 to **\$49,341,487**.

As stated in our Budget Transmittal message, "we believe that our primary role is planning and this recommended capital program accounts for the capital needs of the City of Stamford." The Board further believes that when viewed over the next seven years, the recommended total net capital plan is within the Director of Administration's recommended safe debt limit. We urge you and the fiscal boards to fund this year's capital budget at the level recommended. We think this is a propitious time to borrow given low borrowing costs, competitive bidding climate and the city's unmet capital needs.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the capital budget on February 10, 2009. Based on the comments received at the public hearing, written correspondence, and a review of unencumbered fund balances, and departmental priorities, the Planning Board made the following changes to the "draft" recommended capital budget:

Operations/Administration

Park and Field Improvements (page 15), 2009/10 reduced from \$3,500,000 to \$3,350,000.

Police Department

Police Facilities and Upgrades (page 20), 2009/2010 increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 to be utilized for the preparation of architectural plans for a new police headquarters.

Board of Education

Boyle Stadium (page 36), to be phase funded with \$850,000 in 2009/2010 and \$850,000 in 2010/2011. (Note pursuant to a revision to this project, the Board of Education requested that the total funding be increased above the original request).

The Planning Board also heard a request from the Stamford Center for the Arts for \$85,000 to perform emergency and energy related repairs to the Palace Theater and Rich Forum. The Planning Board recommends that given the nature of these repairs that the SCA apply for supplemental capital funds in this fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Duane Hill, Jr.

Duane Hill, Chairman,
STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD

Cc: Board of Finance ✓
Board of Representatives
Director of Administration
Director of Operations
Director of Health, Safety & Welfare