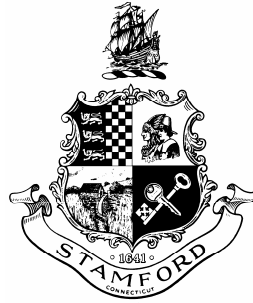


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May 18, 2009

Mayor Dannel Malloy  
Joseph Kennedy, Police Union President

Dear Mayor Malloy & President Kennedy:

This is clearly a very difficult year to complete a Budget that will meet the needs of Stamford citizens and minimize their incremental cost. All of us are working diligently to achieve the best result for the Stamford citizens. I encourage you to continue negotiations until you reach an agreement that will save additional monies and avoid any layoffs in the Police Department.

In order to help in this matter, I will be asking the Board of Finance to allocate additional funds for the Police Department in contingency consistent with that of the Fire Department. An agreement that meets our budget requirements and maximizes the number of sworn officers is vital to our longstanding and ongoing effort to maintain the safest City possible and hire and train the best recruits available. It has been my intention since the beginning of this process for everyone – the administration, city employees, elected board members, and Stamford citizens to make sacrifices this year so that together we can help our city through a difficult year.

Please let me know what actions are planned to accomplish this goal.

Regards,

*Tim Abbazia*

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Tim Abbazia  
Chair Board of Finance Public Safety Committee

cc: Police Commission  
Chief Larrabee  
Board of Representatives

