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Dear Members of the City Council:

As many of you have been aware, the Community Action Committee of Danbury (CACD) has been the subject of numerous media reports regarding its financial stability as well as its financial practices.

Recently much discussion has taken place regarding the Hispanic Center of Danbury and the potential loss of its state grant that is managed by CACD.

Both events have made it increasingly clear that the City of Danbury has a duty to ensure that both city funds and state grant dollars are spent in the appropriate manner and that the core mission of supporting those area residents in need of anti-poverty services are met.

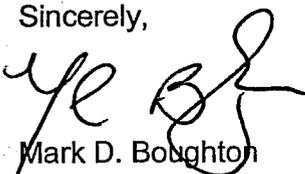
To that end, I am respectfully requesting that a committee be appointed under Section 13-4 of the City Charter to conduct a full inquiry of the recent activities of CACD and to make recommendations to my office regarding the future of the agency as it relates to the City of Danbury.

I have asked Asst. Corporation Counsel Dan Casagrande to assist the committee in its deliberations and to begin collecting data and information regarding the agency and its operations.

Finally as a point of information, I have already taken some preliminary steps in anticipation of the committee's appointment. Specifically, I have frozen all city grants to the agency. I have also met with the executive director of the Hispanic Center and have written to the Commissioner of the state Department of Social Services regarding CACD and our concerns.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,



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