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Honorable Members of the City Council
City of Danbury

Dear Council Members:

I hereby submit for your confirmation the appointment of the following individuals to the position of Police Officer:

Mr. Andrew Whitlock: Mr. Whitlock holds a Bachelor's Degree from Western Connecticut State University and has self-enrolled and completed a one year police academy from Temple University, Pennsylvania. Mr. Whitlock currently works as a seasonal CT Marine Patrol Officer on Candlewood Lake and owns his own snow removal business. He is also a certified EMT-B. Mr. Whitlock's rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 3 and he is currently attending the Connecticut POST Academy.

Mr. Jonathan Grande: Mr. Grande holds an Associate's Degree from Sacred Heart University. He has served as a volunteer Fire Fighter and EMT trainee in the town of Redding and is certified in CPR/AED. He is currently managing and performing watch repairs in a jewelry store. Mr. Grande's rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 5 and he is currently attending the Connecticut POST Academy.

Mr. John Giafone: Mr. Giafone holds a Bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University and is currently working as a Corrections Officer. He has also worked as a Seasonal CT Marine Patrol Officer on Candlewood Lake; a Security Officer at Danbury Hospital; and Public Safety Assistant through a work-study program at CCSU. He is certified in first aid/CPR/AED and in defensive tactics. Mr. Giafone's rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 8 and he is currently attending the Connecticut POST Academy.

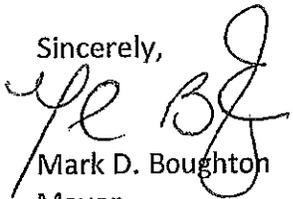
Mr. Christopher Dennis: Mr. Dennis holds a Bachelor's Degree from Marist College and has been working in the restaurant industry for the past year. He has completed a six week internship with the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office and a 2 month internship with the Hyde Park Police Department. He has served as a Volunteer Fire Fighter in Sandy Hook, CT and graduated from the Outward Bound program. Mr. Dennis' rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 10 and he is currently attending the Connecticut POST Academy.

Mr. Christopher Davis: Mr. Davis is working towards his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and has been working as a Police Officer in Lebanon, PA for the past 2+ years. He is certified as an EMR in first aid/CPR/AED and is certified in S.C.U.B.A. diving (open water). Mr. Davis' rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 14.

Ms. Kendra Valentin: Ms. Valentin is working towards her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice and has been working in recruiting and marketing for the CT Army National Guard for the past year and a half. Ms. Valentin has served in the National Guard for the past 3 years earning the rank of Specialist (E-4) and has served our Country overseas in Afghanistan. Ms. Valentin's rank on the current Police Officer Eligibility List is number 15 and she is currently attending the Connecticut POST Academy.

These impressive individuals bring a broad range of valuable skills and experience to the Danbury Police Department. They will be a tremendous asset to the Department and to the Citizens of Danbury.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments.

Sincerely,

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor