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City of Danbury City Council

November 24, 2015

Joseph Cavo, President
Danbury City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

Dear President Cavo and City Council Members:

In 2014 the Danbury City Council established Hat City Danbury Day to be celebrated on the first Tuesday of December in honor of Danbury's hatting past. On Hat City Danbury Day we encourage residents to wear traditional hats, promote civic and academic based historic programs/lectures and hold a brief program at the City Council.

During last year's Hat City Danbury Day program the Hat City Monument committee, which we serve on, unveiled a model of the proposed Hatters' monument. While there have been some delays in moving this project forward the Committee met with the Mayor and city staff to finalize a location and outline a fundraising plan to cover the estimated cost of \$125,000-\$140,000. To that end the Committee has secured a grant of \$50,000 from Union Savings bank which does requires matching city funds. The Committee plans to cover the expected remaining cost of between \$25,000 - \$40,000 through a local fundraising campaign.

We understand that a commitment of this amount from the City requires further consideration. Therefore we request the appointing of an Ad Hoc Committee to review this request for matching funds of \$50,000 from the City of Danbury. The amount being equally divided between the current and next fiscal years.

The Hat City Monument Committee will provide supporting documents and information to the Ad Hoc Committee including a budget, fundraising plan and project schedule.

We hope you will support this endeavor and we are available to respond to any questions.

Truly,



Thomas J. Saadi
City Council Minority Leader



Andrew Wetmore
City Councilman at Large