

# Save terry conners

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Fri 5/8/2020 7:25 PM

To: Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>;

Hello my name is Brendan Byxbee and im an assistant coach for stamford youth hockey's mite A travel team. The rink has been like a second home to me for most of my life. I grew up playing hockey there along with my sister. My dad coached and my mom was the president of syha for many years. My son 6 year old son plays for the sharks and absolutely loves his hockey. Im now coaching and getting involved in the program that i grew up in. I still play in an adult skate at the rink aswell. Terry conners is home away from home for my family and so many others. Please do the right thing and keep the rink open and keep it funded so all the kids have a place to play with their friends and a second home to have many experiences that they will remember for a lifetime just like i did. Please save the rink for everyone who calls it home.

Sincerely  
Brendan Byxbee



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# City of Stamford and Terry Conners Rink

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Fri 5/8/2020 10:03 PM

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Good evening, I am writing to ask that you please do not cut the City of Stamford funding of Terry Conners Rink.

I have been enjoying Terry Conners Rink since I was a young girl in the 1970s. My son loves hockey and has found a home with the Stamford Sharks for the past 4 years. Hockey is an extremely expensive sport with the high cost to play, equipment and travel costs. We found the Sharks when looking for a travel program that had a great reputation and is reasonably priced. The average hockey program tuition in Fairfield County is \$6,000 per season. The Stamford Sharks program for the 2019/2020 season was \$3,700. This I believe is partially due to the funding that the rink receives from the City of Stamford. If we lose this funding the program will more than likely become so expensive that my family and many others may no longer be able to participate. This would be devastating for my son and our family.

The Terry Conners Rink and the Stamford Sharks Youth Hockey program has deep roots and has been a historic part of the City of Stamford. The rink is enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike and has been the venue for competitive ice skating and hockey for many years. This rink's atmosphere for spectators is superior when compared to Twin Rinks, Darien Ice Rink and Sono Ice House in Norwalk. All these rinks are newer by design but lack the hometown feel. Chelsea Piers is horribly huge and the cost to play hockey far exceeds my family's budget costing \$10,000 per season, plus membership fees plus extensive travel.

Even with the great atmosphere and location of Terry Conners Rink the facility is in need of some maintenance. Every building and dwelling requires maintenance. If you decrease funding in addition to the programs suffering so will the building itself. The saying you must spend money to make money is true.

Please reconsider the significant budget cuts being proposed. Cuts will effect so many skaters and their families. There must be ways to negotiate operations and costs without cutting the financial support provided by the City of Stamford. For example, seeking companies that would pay to advertise inside the rink. There are so many families each with a network of more people who would be willing to give time and energy to save the rink and the Stamford Sharks.

The possibility of the Stamford Sharks not being able to call Terry Conners Rink their home is unthinkable. Please don't let this happen. Please do not displace many young hockey players who have been playing together since their first time on the ice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lynn Camiglio









# In Favor of Terry Conners

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> Good Evening,

> Hello to all and I hope this email finds you well, during these unforeseen, unfortunate and unexpected times. It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this email, as I have been informed that Terry Conners will bare a mighty burden of this crisis related to financial cutbacks that the government will make and I am sure many other programs and departments as well.

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> I have been a life long resident of Stamford, 40 years to be exact. From a little boy to a teenager I frequented Terry Conners rink and had many great experiences, this was where I took my bumps and bruises as I learned to fly on the Ice. I now have a seven year old son, that has taken a liking to the ice and took his bumps and bruises and is now a better skater than me. He loves the sport of hockey and I was never a player. He has watched kids over the years practicing and playing games prior to the open skates we attended. He requested to play hockey and we got him involved.

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> We were fortunate to become a part of the Rangers Learn To Play. This program alone gives so many kids an opportunity to play this wonderful sport. We participated in SYHA clinics and this year was his first year with the house league. Socially and emotionally these programs and this sport has given such an amazing opportunity to grow and learn important life lessons, it was all possible because of the programs, staff and coaches that made Terry Conners their choice to run their clinics and leagues.

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> I see people from all walks of life on the ice with pure joy and happiness every time. I see commitment and dedication from many athletes there on weekends because this is their home ICE and do not wish to skate elsewhere.

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> From a financial stance I think people embrace the fact that Terry Conners is run by the city and most are long time residents and do not want to give their hard earned money to a privately owned rink. These programs that are run here are just as much a part of this community as the people that have been a part of the recreational and sporting community at Terry Conners through all this years.

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> I personal remember my first time on the ice and I know my son will not forget his.

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> Sincerely,  
> Kenneth Cantrell

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# In support of Terry Connors Rink

Jen Dufek <jen\_dufek@yahoo.com>

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To our Stamford Neighbors,



Thank you for taking the time to allow us to be heard regarding the proposed budget cuts for Terry Connors Rink. We all know you have a lot on your plate at this time. Please indulge me this long email...

We were never a hockey family. We did not grow up in Stamford, or anywhere nearby. When we moved to Stamford 7 years ago, my (then) only child had just turned 2. We knew just one family (who moved away years ago). We knew no one and had no family or friends here.

But we could see that Stamford was a good place for us. So I did what most moms would do, and signed my son up for an activity. 2-year-old tot soccer at Chelsea Piers. Well my very excited 2-year old bounced in to Chelsea Piers, thrilled to be a 'soccer player like daddy'. Well. We didn't even walk through the doors and he saw some kids carrying large bags... "who are they?" he asked... I explained that they

were hockey players with their equipment. "what is hockey?" so I lifted him to see inside the rink... Well. That was that. "I want to do THAT" and he was HOOKED.

Imagine a 2-year-old asking you most days for the next ~year when he could learn to skate.

Imagine being so scared on his first day of lessons that he would be angry he couldn't 'just go' and that falling down would equal him learning his first 'love' (that didn't happen).

Imagine being a parent that NEVER ONCE has had to push a child to get ready to leave the house for practice, even when that practice begins before 7am. Or being begged to sign up for every camp, every 3v3 clinic, everything that is offered.

Now, imagine being scared that your child may lose that which he loves.

Hockey has given us a sense of community in this city - those families are our family and closest friends. My son plays several other sports, and yes, we have friends from those, friends from school... but nothing compares to the relationships we have built with Shark families. When the season ends, we miss those we have seen 4-5 times a week for 7 months of the year. Losing the end of the season this year was hard. I cannot imagine not having Sharks hockey to return to. It is the place we spend most of our time from September - March. It is our second home. The diversity of our TCR family mirrors the diversity of the city of Stamford. People who have known each other for their entire lives have welcomed us into their community with open arms & that is something you don't find easily & don't take for granted.

We do fine, but are in no way wealthy. Every year, the choice to spend our money on travel hockey, camps, learn-to-play for my youngest who started skating before he was 3 is a difficult one. The fees offered by SYHA are such that we are able to make these choices, but increased fees would likely mean we won't be able to. Other families may have options to move to other programs in the area, but for us, and for many others, it is not an option financially.

My kids are missing out on a lot right now... which isn't unique to us. What they miss the most is hockey... playing hockey, seeing their teammates and friends, being at the rink and sharing laughs, high fives and even a good check to the boards every now and then... they miss their community.

Times are tough and tough decisions need to be made, but I ask that you please reconsider the Terry Connors budget cuts.

We were never a hockey family, we are not 'from' Stamford... but we are now and TCR & Sharks hockey are big reasons why. Thanks again for your time

Stay safe & stay healthy,  
Jenny Dufek, Marco Madeira, Parker Dufek, & Owen Dufek

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# Save Terry Connors Ice Rink

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out to as your constituent and fellow Stamford neighbor. I am deeply concerned about the budget cuts the city is suggesting to make to Terry Connors ice rink. My son plays on the Stamford Sharks Ice hockey team which calls Terry Connors their home. My daughter also takes ice skating lessons at Terry Connors and this summer both of my children were signed up to attend their summer camp. My husband also played on Stamford Youth Hockey as a kid and coaches for the Sharks today. Needless to say we're deeply involved in Terry Connors and the Stamford hockey community. I am writing to you out of deep concern that these budget cuts are going to deeply impact our community as so many of us spend endless hours at the ice rink each year and make Terry Connors our second home. As if the Covid 19 pandemic and closing school isn't hurting our children enough, this is one more thing to disappointment all of them who ice skate and play hockey at Terry Connors. My daughter and son are deeply saddened that they may not be able to attend summer skating camp at Terry Connors or be able to play hockey for the Sharks in September. Hockey and ice skating is everything to so many Stamford youths, including my own children.

With much sadness we know changes are likely inevitable due to the state we are in currently. However, many Stamford residents are hoping there is some way to implement a smaller scale of the proposed changes. It's hard for to understand how the city can be loosing so much money on the ice rink when ice time and the cost of ice hockey and ice skating are more expensive than any other youth sport. The city should be taking a harder look at their budget and maybe part of the solution would be to work with all of the organizations that utilize the rink and increase costs to them for renting ice time. While many residents love the low costs of programs offered at Terry Connors and it makes the rink more desirable than neighboring ice rinks, perhaps part of the solution would be to increase costs per skater and skate rentals for public skating sessions, birthday parties and increase the cost for instructional skating lessons. I'm sure many of these suggestions have been mentioned already. However, I don't believe you understand what a devastating loss this would be to Stamford.

Thank you for your time and hearing my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Megan Duffy



**TERRY CONNERS  
BASIC SKILLS REPORT CARD**



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Instructor: Jen Date: 1/11/20



SNOWPLOW SAM 2	ACCOMPLISHED	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
A. March followed by a long glide	✓	
B. Dip while moving	✓	
C. Backward walking, toes turned inward, shifting weight 4-6 steps	✓	
D. Backward wiggles - 6 in a row	✓	
E. Forward swizzles - 2 to 3 in a row	✓	
F. Beginning snowplow stop in motion (in place or holding barrier)	✓	
G. Two-foot hop in place	✓	

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# Terry Conners

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Hello

I understand that the Board wants to cut funding to Terry Conners Rink by 50%. I am writing to urge you to please continue to fully fund this valuable community asset.

My family has been using the rink since my oldest child, now 22, was 4 years old. He started skating with Tiger Sharks and continued through to Midget Sharks when he was 18 and aged out. My middle child was a figure skater with the Shimmers synchro team for several years.

My youngest, a girl (16) followed in her brother's footsteps taking up hockey at age 4 and continuing through to the present where she plays girls high school hockey with SWS as well as Sharks travel. For my youngest, TCR has been an invaluable place in her life. Not only through hockey, which is her primary sport, but also as a place to build lasting friendships on the ice over the last 12 years. TCR is like her home away from home and last fall she actually started working there as a rink attendant and office assistant. She loves her job at the rink and it has taught her responsibility in a way that I can't put into words.

I fully understand the budgetary concerns the city is currently dealing with. If you must cut, please do so in a way that won't disable this facility for the hundreds of families like mine who have relied on it for so many years.

Thank you

Michelle Fine  
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# Terry Connors Rink

Carmen Lorenti <cjlorenti1021@icloud.com>

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Members of the board of the city of Stamford,

My name is Carmen Lorenti. I am a life long city of Stamford resident. I played hockey as soon as o was able to stand up on skates. Grew up playing for the Stamford Sharks and TCHS. All of our home games were at TCR. Every great memory from my childhood was at the rink. Lifelong friends and great relationships were started while on skates every afternoon at TCR.

Now I coach for the Sharks my son is a Stamford Shark player. I would hate to see a place, where great relationships and memories are just starting to be developed, are just ripped away from him.

Terry Connors is not just an ice rink in Stamford, it is a place for happiness, positivity, and growth for all young people in Stamford. It is as much a part of Stamford as any building in the city. If TCR is no more there will be an empty hole in Stamford, that will change everything I love about the city and have my family reconsider even staying a part of this town.

PLEASE KEEP TERRY CONNORS ALIVE!!

Sincerely,  
Carmen Lorenti



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# Terry Connors

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Hi my name is Joey and I am a bantam on the Stamford Sharks. When I was in my peewee year we won a state tournament and we were all going nuts over the win. When I go to Terry Connors for a free skate with friends and family I can look up and see my team's banner and say "I was a state champion." Losing Terry Connors would be losing generations and generations of wins going nuts over. My coach still has his banner hanging ever since he won with our other former coaches. Imagine losing something or someone that shaped your life forever. Losing Terry Connors is losing that thing.

Save the rink

-Joey

# Terry Connors Rink

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To Mayor Martin and Honorable Board Members:

Good Morning, I understand the budget for Terry Connors Rink is in jeopardy of being cut. I wanted to share with you how important Terry Connors has been to our family.

My earliest memories of my childhood was hearing my Grandfather talk of going to the rink most early mornings with his speed skates on and taking laps around the rink with fellow seniors. He shared his love for skating with me and my brother (both still Stamford residents).

Then it was my turn to learn to skate, which I did at Terry Connors. I spend many public skating sessions there throughout my childhood.

When I was in High School Terry Connors was the place to go for Friday Night Skate. Many fond memories of those nights. Now as a parent I can appreciate an active/safe place for that age group!!

I now have a son, who at the age of four also learned to skate at Terry Connors. His love of skating brought our family to the Stamford Sharks (SYHA) where he has played in the house league and five years of travel hockey. The Sharks have become our second family, we have made life long friends and amazing memories!! All because of learning to skate at Terry Connors!!

We recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding of programs; and TCR is willing to make adjustments as well. We only ask that the changes be fair to all involved. By cutting the funding of TCR you are essentially putting the rink out of business and shutting down SYHA. That would be devastating to so many families who are dedicated to the Sharks program.

Please support the continued operation of Terry Connors. It is a vital part of the Stamford community for

residents of all ages.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Cannon  
Stamford, CT

# Fwd: Important Updates on TCR - We Need Your Help!

Theresa Compolattaro <[tcompolattaro@gmail.com](mailto:tcompolattaro@gmail.com)>

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Importance: High

Hello,

As a Terry Conner's Family Member, who grew up skating at Terry Conners, brought our son to learned to skate and begin playing hockey through Stamford Youth Hockey Association, continued volunteer for SYHA/TCR where ever needed, and our family consider TCR a 2nd Home, I wish to be either attend or virtually attend in person this meeting.

Best

Tracy (Theresa) Compolattaro

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "SYHA Board" <[Notification@LeagueAthletics.com](mailto:Notification@LeagueAthletics.com)>

**Subject:** Important Updates on TCR - We Need Your Help!

**Date:** May 8, 2020 at 6:40:02 PM EDT

**To:** [tcompolattaro@gmail.com](mailto:tcompolattaro@gmail.com)

**Reply-To:** [board@syha.org](mailto:board@syha.org)

Hello SYHA Families & Friends,

As you know our home, Terry Conners, is in jeopardy. The SYHA Board and other members are working on coordinating efforts to help save TCR. We need to fight with all of our Shark spirit and we are asking for your support.

As you may have already seen in your social media feeds, there is a petition to save TCR. Please sign and share this petition, it is one of our best weapons to support us in this fight. We need high numbers and we know our Sharks families and friends will help get us there!!!! Click here for the petition - <https://bit.ly/2ziZyly>

The next Board of Finance meeting is Monday, May 11th. Our understanding is that this meeting is when they will specifically talk about TCR. Please consider joining online. You can do this by going to the BOF website (<https://www.stamfordct.gov/board-of-finance>) and registering to join the meeting once they have posted it. Attached is a list of all the upcoming BOF meetings. Right now, the vote on the budget will be on 5/27.

To follow-up on yesterday's email, please reach out to the Board of Finance, Board of Reps and the Mayor letting them know how you feel and how it will impact you and your family. We have attached a template email that you can use, we also suggest that you insert a picture of your hockey player to make it more personal. Send your emails to the following:

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In an effort to make more noise and gain more attention, starting tomorrow please show your Shark Spirit to Save Our Home on Facebook. Get creative with videos, signs, pictures and please tag: @Stamford Government, @Stamford Advocate, @News 12 Connecticut and @SYHA Sharks

Lastly, we are *potentially* going to have a "Save the Rink" rally. Details will be provided once we have more information. Please know that should we do this, we will be following social distancing and safety measures. If you do not have a beach sticker please be sure to get one so you can join the rally that may take place at TCR. <https://www.stamfordct.gov/beach-stickers>

Thank you in advance for coming together as a family in this effort to save our home!

Attachments:

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# Save Terry Connors Ice Rink!

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To Mayor Martin and Honorable Board Members,

We recognize during this difficult time, that determining a budget is more than a daunting task. We are a Stamford Family, born and raised. My husband and I are City of Stamford workers and are happily raising our three sons here. We are also a Stamford Youth Hockey Family. We recognize that our city has difficult decisions to make in the coming weeks and months in regards to our city's budget. We ask that changes impacting TCR be fair to all involved with recognition that by cutting funding to this rink, it could be devastating to so many families dedicated to SYHA an our Shark's Families.

Terry Connors has been publicly funded since its inception, 48 years ago. It is so much more than a "skating rink". My husband and I have many fond memories of Friday night free skates and high school hockey games. When we had children, we never expected to become "hockey parents", but the boys took up this amazing sport and never looked back. The friendships, camaraderie and sense of family is not matched in any other sport.

As you begin to work with the budget and make decisions, we only ask that you consider the offer that TCR is making that will adjust costs across the board, but will allow for SYHA to continue to serve as an affordable hockey program that continues to thrive.

Thank you for your time and all you do to support and maintain our great city.

Cara & Barry Denison Jr.

# Terry Conners Ice Rink

Rachele Ligi <rachligi@gmail.com>

Sat 5/9/2020 12:52 PM

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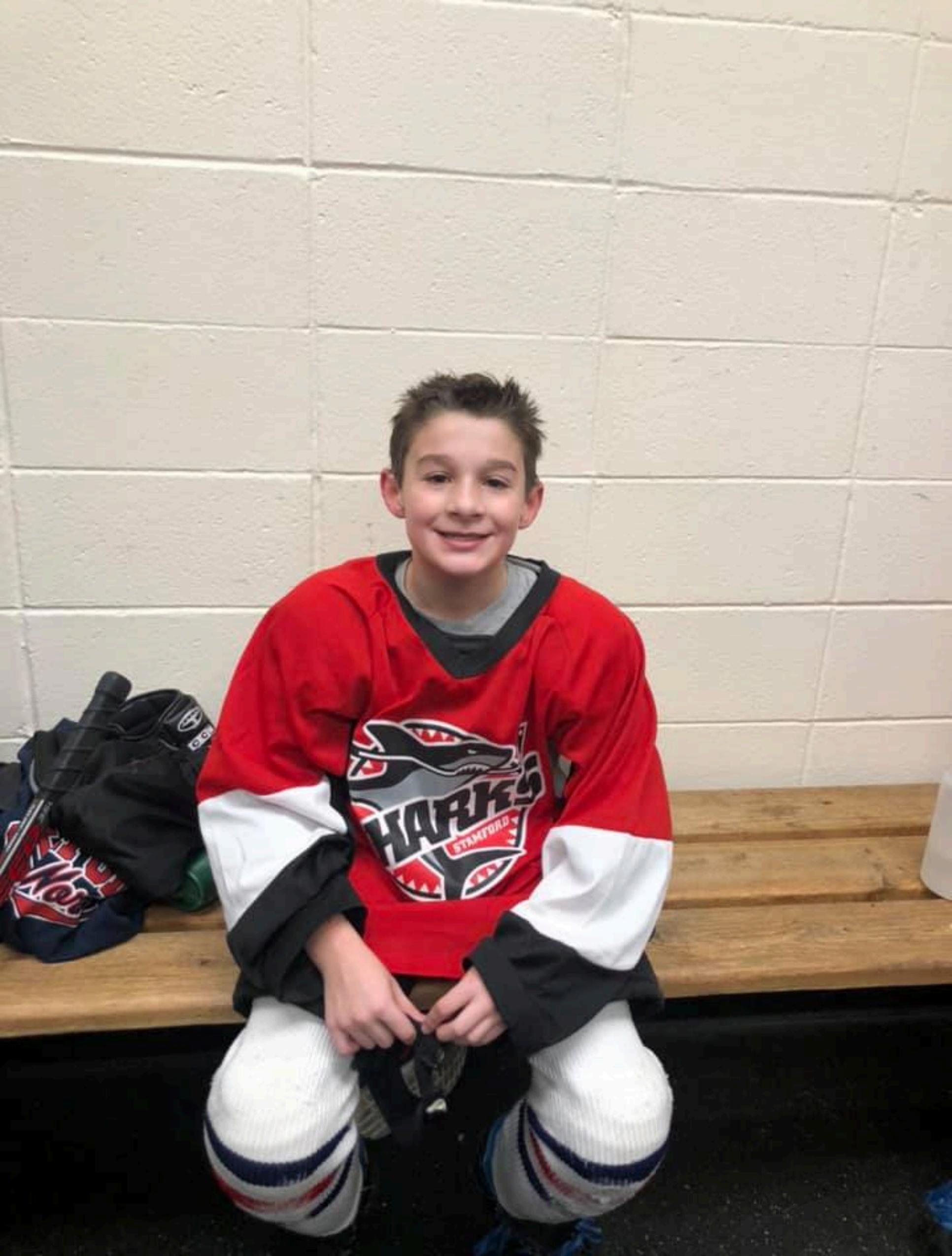
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We thank you for your time and your consideration. I have attached pictures of my son and my husband in thier Sharks gear. my son has played in that rink since he was 4, he is now 11 and my husband played from the time he was 9 thru high school and now coaches 2 Sharks house league teams. **YOU CANNOT CUT THESE PROGRAMS!!**

Bill & Rachele Ligi  
Stamford, CT





# Stamford Needs Terry Conners!!!!

Stephanie Lucia <slucia74@gmail.com>

Sat 5/9/2020 5:15 PM

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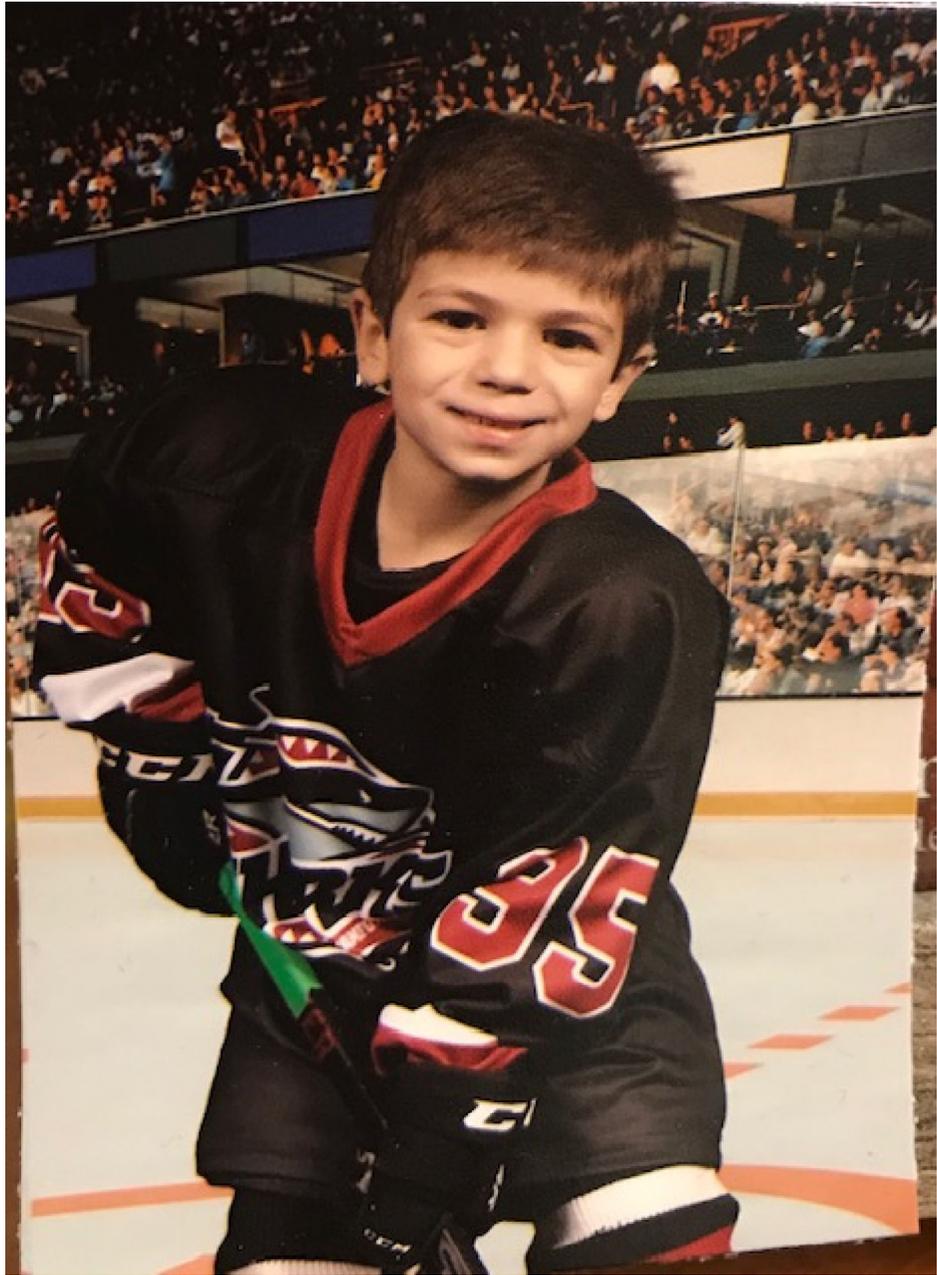
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We thank you for your time and your consideration.

The Lucia Family - part of the Stamford community for 45 years (born & raised)







# Terry Conners Rink

[Michael Mehan <michaelmehan@hotmail.com>](mailto:michaelmehan@hotmail.com)

Sat 5/9/2020 1:33 PM

To: Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>;

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Dear Esteemed City Leaders!

I am writing to you and sending the attached letter as part of the effort to save Terry Conners Rink (TCR) from budget cuts that could dramatically impact its ability to continue operating. If TCR closes it takes down with it a host of organizations that depend on the rink for their activities, not the least of which is the Stamford Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) that has a long and proud history of playing there.

Please read the attached letter and support the rink that is so vital to our community. We all appreciate the needs of the City to manage its finances, but cutting TCR's budget is not the way to balance the budget!

I skated at TCR when it first opened. My brother played in the SYHA and my father coached the first year the league existed. I joined the second year. Now, 47 years later my son plays in the SYHA and I am a coach. I hope that the rink will continue to offer kids now and in the future the great skating programs that has made TCR a legend not only in Stamford, but in our region!

Thank you very much for your support and assistance in this matter.

Coach Michael S. Mehan  
SYHA U10 and U12 House Select Teams

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We thank you for your time and your consideration.

# SAVE TERRY CONNORS

[mnotesq@aol.com](mailto:mnotesq@aol.com)

Sat 5/9/2020 10:07 PM

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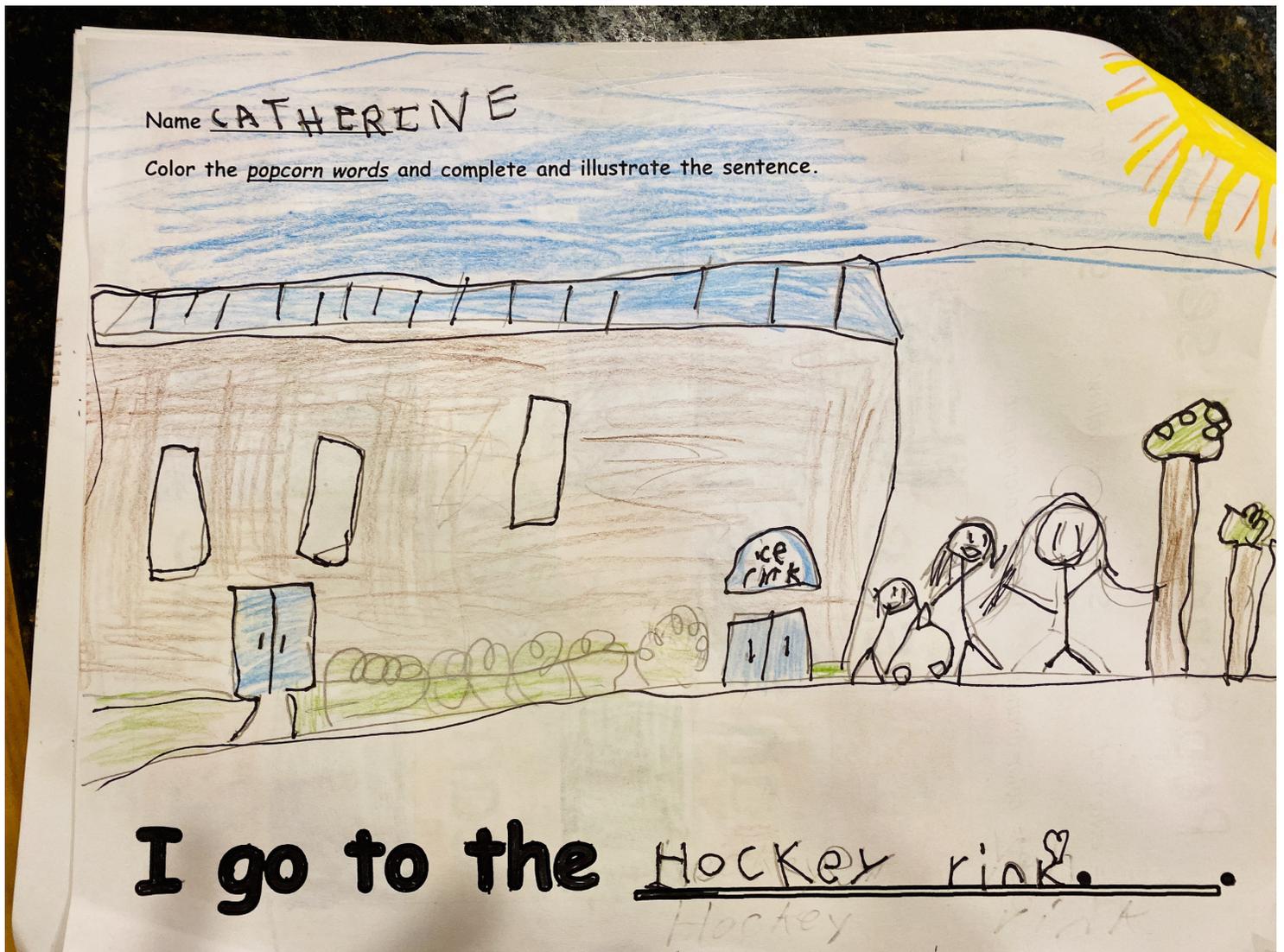
Michael & Amy Noto (Stamford Residents)

# Please Save Terry Connors!

Maren Tripolitsiotis <marentrips@gmail.com>

Sat 5/9/2020 8:58 AM

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I'm writing again in my support of Terry Connors Ice Rink where all three of my kids play ice hockey. My daughter Catherine attends Rogers International School and is currently in Kindergarten. In October 2019, she drew this picture of Terry Connors Rink to complete the sentence, "I go to the...hockey rink." I posted on Facebook with my comment, "A very detailed illustration from memory, maybe she spends too much time there!" A fellow Stamford Shark parent Rissa Shehaj said, "No, not too much time, rather time that is very meaningful and important to her." I was reminded of this comment tonight after we had to explain to our kids what might happen to their beloved rink. I agree wholeheartedly with that sentiment. It is very meaningful and important to

Catherine and all of us, it is our hockey home. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Maren Tripolitsiotis

Sent from my iPhone

# Fwd: In favor of Terry Conners

Matthew Tripolitsiotis <[matttrips@gmail.com](mailto:matttrips@gmail.com)>

Sat 5/9/2020 11:30 AM

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Forwarding the below email from my 6 year old in support of Terry Conners.

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From: Catherine Tripolitsiotis <[catherinemtrips@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemtrips@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, May 7, 2020 at 8:04 PM

Subject: In favor of Terry Conners

To: <[mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov](mailto:mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov)>, <[cwinterle@stamfordct.gov](mailto:cwinterle@stamfordct.gov)>, <[afigueroa@stamfordct.gov](mailto:afigueroa@stamfordct.gov)>, <[agraziosi@stamfordct.gov](mailto:agraziosi@stamfordct.gov)>, <[emorson@stamfordct.gov](mailto:emorson@stamfordct.gov)>

Hi, my name is Catherine. I am 6 years old. I love terry conners because I am a tiger shark there. I am so sad because i have only been in terry conners for one year. My sister and brother play there too and i like to watch them play. So, I'm sad. So, please don't close down terry conners. I meet my friends and play at the rink and its really fun. Could you just please keep it open because lots of people like it there?

Sincerely,

Catherine Mary Tripolitsiotis

# Fwd: Terry Conners

Matthew Tripolitsiotis <[matttrips@gmail.com](mailto:matttrips@gmail.com)>

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Forwarding the below email from my 9 year old in favor of Terry Conners.

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From: Mia Angelina Tripolitsiotis <[miatrips@gmail.com](mailto:miatrips@gmail.com)>

Date: Thu, May 7, 2020 at 7:52 PM

Subject: Terry Conners

To: <[mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov](mailto:mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov)>, <[cwinterle@stamfordct.gov](mailto:cwinterle@stamfordct.gov)>, <[afigueroa@stamfordct.gov](mailto:afigueroa@stamfordct.gov)>, <[agraziosi@stamfordct.gov](mailto:agraziosi@stamfordct.gov)>, <[emorson@stamfordct.gov](mailto:emorson@stamfordct.gov)>

Hi! my name is Mia Tripolitsiotis. I am 9 years old. The city is trying to close Terry Conners at Cove Island Park! it is important to me because I am a Stamford Shark, I play at Cove Island, and I do sound waters (a camp at the cove). It means a lot to me. When I heard this news I almost cried. So it would be life changing for me if we close Terry Conners. I go there 4-7 days a week! It is already sad enough that I can't see my friends. It would break my heart to close Terry Conners. I hate typing, but I am doing this because I care about Terry Conners. It is a great place to have fun, play hockey, and go ice skating! So be on our side, fight to keep the Terry Conners open! Thanks! -Mia

To Mayor Martin and Members of the Board of Finance,

I am writing to you in support of Terry Conners Ice Rink and to prevent the extended closure of the facility due to budget cuts. Also, I am asking that you work with Terry Conners Rink to keep it publicly funded.

I am a figure skating instructor at Terry Conners Ice Rink. I'm also the head coach of the Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating teams (SCSS) and the parent of a Stamford Youth Hockey player. Terry Conners is our 2<sup>nd</sup> home. It's the place where I first started skating 43 years ago. It's where I grew up and found my passion, which I then turned into a career. It's where I go to work each day, teach the values and skills that I learned there, and then pass those onto many other generations of skaters.

Terry Conners is also where I bring my own children to participate in group lessons, summer camp, and Stamford Youth Hockey. These are wonderful and affordable programs that have been invaluable to children (myself included) for many years. These programs provide affordable opportunities for them to not only learn the love of skating but also to gain life skills, cultivate friendships, learn the value of team work, how to lose, how to win and how to handle adversity. I don't know of a better place than this to teach them how to fall down and get back up in life.

While I do recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding programs especially during this difficult time, I ask that you please take into consideration what Terry Conners Ice Rink means to this community. And, that you consider working with them to adjust costs across the board, and allow Terry Conners Rink and the programs it houses to continue to serve this community at affordable rates.

As a lifelong Stamford resident, a homeowner, a tax payer, a coach, a very concerned parent, and someone who knows personally how much Terry Conners can impact a child's life, I ask you to please consider reassessing the plan to fully cut the Terry Conners budget and instead work with Terry Conners Rink to keep our home publicly funded.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Gina Valenzano-Gomez

# Terry Conners

[Alyssa Gioia <sharksanimal46@gmail.com>](mailto:sharksanimal46@gmail.com)

Sun 5/10/2020 10:58 PM

To: Freedman, Richard <RFreedman@StamfordCT.gov>; Rinaldi, Mary Lou <MLRinaldi@StamfordCT.gov>; Cerasoli, Frank <FCerasoli@StamfordCT.gov>; Alswanger, Geoff <GAlswanger@StamfordCT.gov>; Mannis, David <DMannis@StamfordCT.gov>; Ryan, Kieran <KRyan@StamfordCT.gov>; Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>; Board of Representatives <bdreps@StamfordCT.gov>; Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Hello,

My name is Alyssa Gioia. I have been playing ice hockey at Terry Conners since I started at the age of 6. I remember starting as a tiger sharks then a few years lady began my travel hockey career, and now I still play as a Lady Shark as well as on my high school, Stamford Westhill Staples. My mom is a photographer and enjoys staying at the rink taking pictures of many of the teams. My dad is also a coach. My whole family spends the majority of our days at the rink during hockey season. I consider it my second home. Not only is it my second home but it's where I have met my closest friends whom I will remain friends with forever. Every time I step on that ice, whether it is a game or practice, I am able to leave everything in the real world behind and just play. Terry Connors is the world to me so please reconsider the cut of 50% and help me and many others keep our home.

Thank you,  
Alyssa Gioia

# Save Terry Connors

Cindi <cindigioia@yahoo.com>

Sun 5/10/2020 11:24 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the proposed 50% budget cut to Terry Connors Ice Rink. Hearing this news was absolutely devastating to my family. As a lifelong Stamford Resident I can tell you that Terry Connors is more than just an ice rink. It is a place that many of us in the hockey, figure skating and synchronized skating community call home. My kids are both Stamford Sharks and have been part of the organization for over 10 years now. I have gone from swearing I wasn't going to be that "hockey mom" to someone who literally spends hours at the rink watching game after game and taking pictures to share with the parents who have since become like second family to us. Our kids have built friendships with each other that we know will continue for a life time. My daughter who is currently a sophomore at Westhill High School suffers from social anxiety. She is a great student, sets goals for herself, and was just named Assistant Captain of the 2020-2121 Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Team (this is so important to her as she's hoping to play college hockey) however, she has minimal friends in school. Her friends are on the ice and at the rink. That is where she and my son go to feel safe, play a sport they love, work hard to improve while listening and respecting coaches they adore. They celebrate the big wins as a team and learn how to handle disappointments as one as well. Please reconsider such a drastic budget cut and help our kids keep their safe haven and second home

Sincerely,  
Cindi Gioia

# SAVE TCR

[Dayna Royster <bantamamanager@syha.org>](mailto:bantamamanager@syha.org)

Sun 5/10/2020 9:59 PM

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## TERRY CONNERS-A Landmark Worth Saving

I was born and raised in Stamford. I learned to skate at TCR and hold on to many fond memories of “Public Skates” with my parents, and “Skate Nights” with my friends. I am now making new memories there with my four children.

My youngest son, Alec, has a passion for hockey, and his home *is* TCR. He isn't just a Shark, he is a Terry Conner's kid. If you ask Alec, he says he was born on that rink and that TCR has the best ice around. Alec not only goes there for games and practices, but he wakes up early 2-3x times a week (year round) for morning open hockey. Ken and Bob are our morning family.

Since the virus, we have all lost a lot. We hope to get back to normal, or a new normal. We keep watching the news, looking for any clue about when we might get back to the rink. To think that there is a chance that may not be possible is beyond heart breaking.

These past years we have made priceless memories I know we will take with us forever. Please don't make the memories we have made be the last ones. It would be a huge loss for all present and future families.

Sincerely,

Dayna Royster  
Sharks Team Manager 2018-2020



