



January 31, 2018

Ralph Blessing
Land Use Bureau Chief
City of Stamford
880 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Dear Mr. Blessing,

This letter serves to support your department's FY2018-19 capital request of \$150,000 for the digitizing of tax card records. This an important project, not only for improving the operations of planning and zoning but additionally, it helps local businesses and property owners who are dependent on the quality of information available about both residential and commercial real estate.

The issue of grandfathered uses in residential neighborhoods is an important one given the history of residential development in Stamford. Many neighborhood associations have identified the uncertainty of legality of properties as one of their top concerns.

The Stamford Partnership supports not just the City's efforts to modernize operations, but also ensuring that the resulting information and data are available to the public as part of an open and automated internet accessible solution. This project potentially meets these objectives, and therefore we request that the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives support this capital expense.

Sincerely,

Jackie Lightfield
Executive Director