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To: Members, Board of Finance

From: Mayor David R. Martin

Date: March 9, 2018

Re: **Call of Special Meeting**

As provided in Charter Section C6-20-2, I am calling a special meeting of the Board of Finance to be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, March 19th at the Chambers of the Board of Finance at the Stamford Government Center. The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Solicit input from Board of Finance members regarding options you would fund as alternatives to the immediate closure to the South End Community Center and reduction of custodial services at the Police Station, the City Garage, the Vehicle Maintenance Facility, and the Solid Waste Transfer Station.
2. Consider the approval of a transfer of \$86,842 to cover the remaining full-time salary for six custodians through the end of the current fiscal year.

The Board of Finance rejected the administration's request to transfer funds as presented at your March 8, 2018 board meeting. It seems this was done by some members without considering the severe financial consequences of this decision. Unfortunately, the dissenting members have not provided any practical or responsible fiscal guidance to the City as to how to proceed, and it is unclear as to their expectations regarding the continued operations of the South End Community Center and the impact on its tenants.

The administration has explored several alternative actions that can be taken as a result of your decision. However, given City department funding, the current facility support requirements, and the terms of the labor contract, all alternative options are financially unattractive, and to pursue any of them is fiscally irresponsible.

We will present to your Board additional specifics concerning the options that are available to the City and their anticipated additional financial cost. Before we are forced to close the Center as a result of this most recent decision, we ask the Board to share with us its views regarding the most fiscally responsible option.

Richard Freedman, Chair, Board of Finance

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**cc: Matt Quinones, President, Board of Representatives
Terry Adams and Elise Coleman, Board of Representatives
Rafael Pagan, Executive Director, Shelter for the Homeless
Dr. Navtej Singh
Alice Knapp, Ferguson Library
Claudia Connor, President & CEO, International Institute of Connecticut
Marc E. Jaffe, Childcare Learning Center
State of CT Department of Motor Vehicles
Michelle H. James, Executive Director, Community Action Agency of Western CT
Valerie Shultz-Wilson, President & CEO, Urban League
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South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone**