

October 18, 2010

Randall M. Skigen
President, Board of Representatives
City of Stamford
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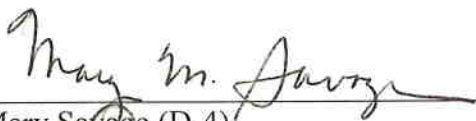
Dear President Skigen:

We are writing to express our dismay regarding the September 28, 2010 letter from the Board of Representatives (“BOR”) leadership to the Mayor, the Director of Administration and the Director of Legal Affairs concerning the Board of Finance (“BOF”) efforts to obtain legal counsel. Each of us learned about the letter for the first time when we read the Friday, October 15, 2010 Advocate. As the newest elected members of the BOR, we respect the BOR leadership but are concerned that this letter was sent without informing or copying other BOR members.

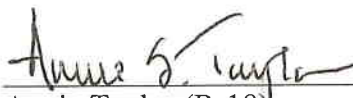
We are also concerned that the letter creates an unwarranted conflict between the BOR and the BOF. According to the minutes of its September 23, 2010 meeting, the BOF unanimously decided “*that the Legal Affairs Chairman [of the BOF] work with the City’s Corporation Counsel to engage outside counsel to provide Boards [sic] with the parameters they need to fulfill their responsibilities*” (emphasis added). Surely the BOF is entitled to legal advice on the fulfillment of its official duties, and its stated intent to work with Corporation Counsel (“Counsel”) to obtain such advice seems consistent with the Charter’s provisions. We believe that it is between Counsel and the BOF to determine the scope of legal advice to which the BOF is entitled and whether Counsel will provide it through in-house or outside attorneys. Therefore it seems inappropriate for the BOR to inject itself into this matter at this time.

We would appreciate it if you would circulate this letter to the full Board of Representatives.

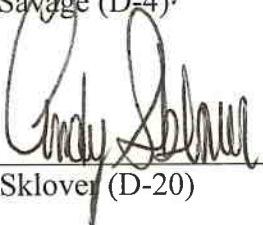
Respectfully,



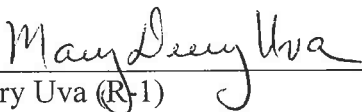
Mary Savage (D-4)



Annie Taylor (R-19)



Andy Sklover (D-20)



Mary Uva (R-1)

Cc: Annie Summerville, Clerk of the Board
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Robert “Gabe” DeLuca, Minority Leader
Gloria DePina, Deputy Majority Leader

Mary Fedeli, Deputy Minority Leader
Eileen Heaphy, Deputy Majority Leader
Scott Mirkin, Deputy Minority Leader