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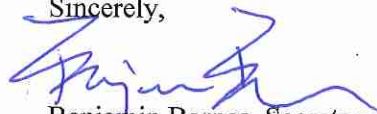
Municipal Accountability Review Board  
State of Connecticut  
450 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members of the Municipal Accountability Review Board:

According to Section 366(a) of Public Act 17-2, June Special Session (the "Act"), the chief elected official, or the legislative body of such municipality, by a majority vote, may apply to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to request designation as a Tier III municipality if it meets one of the conditions related to its finances listed in Section 366(a). With respect to the City of Hartford, attached is a letter from Mayor Bronin and a resolution adopted by the City's Common Council requesting designation as a Tier III municipality. Having found that the City of Hartford is eligible to apply for Tier III designation and that its application for such designation has been properly submitted, I am hereby, as required by the Act, referring the City of Hartford to the Municipal Accountability Review Board as a Tier III municipality.

We will review this referral and other related matters at our next Board meeting, currently scheduled for Thursday January 4, 2018 at 10:00AM.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Barnes, Secretary

Mayor Luke A. Bronin, City of Hartford  
Treasurer Adam M. Cloud, City of Hartford  
Court of Common Council, City of Hartford

Attachments



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

December 19, 2017

Secretary Ben Barnes  
Office of Policy and Management  
450 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Tier III Designation

Dear Secretary Barnes,

The City of Hartford hereby requests designation as a Tier III Municipality under the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB) pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 366 of Public Act 17-2 of the June 2017 Special Session of the Connecticut General Assembly.

The City meets the criteria for such designation by the terms established in the Public Act, and the Court of Common Council, at its most recent meeting, unanimously voted to support the submission of this application by Resolution attached hereto.

Over the past two years, in the face of unprecedented fiscal crisis and longstanding structural deficits, we have worked to achieve long-term sustainability for our Capital City, making dramatic reductions in the size and cost of City government, achieving landmark labor agreements with our Police and Firefighters, and initiating negotiations with our bondholders.

As you know, I have advocated for and welcomed the establishment of an accountability board as a mechanism for providing meaningful tools for achieving structural reforms and guaranteeing full transparency and continued long-term discipline. We look forward to working in partnership with the Municipal Accountability Review Board, the State Treasurer, and the Office of Policy and Management to achieve our goal of true, long-term sustainability and strength.

My team and I are available to answer any questions and provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke A. Bronin", is written over a horizontal line.

Luke A. Bronin  
Mayor

Cc: Treasurer Adam M. Cloud, City of Hartford  
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# Court of Common Council

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CITY OF HARTFORD  
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Jo Winch, Councilwoman

John V. Bazzano, Town and City Clerk

December 13, 2017

This is to certify that at a meeting of the Court of Common Council, December 11, 2017, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

**WHEREAS**, Since taking office in January of 2016, the Mayor and the Court of Common Council have committed themselves to creating a financially sustainable city; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite collective efforts to reduce expenditures and increase revenues, the City faces significant budget deficits; and

**WHEREAS**, Both the Mayor and Council have advocated for a new partnership with the State of Connecticut to address these issues; and

**WHEREAS**, The passage of Public Act 17-2 (the Budget Act) by the State Legislature amended the "Act Establishing the Municipal Accountability Review Board and Designated Tiers" and provides tools and resources that can support the City in creating a long-term fiscal strategy to address projected deficits and support economic growth; and

**WHEREAS**, In light of the City's fiscal challenges and in order to gain access to potential financial support and to restructure its current debt obligations, it is desirable that the City apply to the State for designation as a Tier III Municipality and accept State oversight by the Municipal Accountability Review Board (MARB); now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Court of Common Council hereby supports the submission of an application for Tier III designation to the Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Council President is hereby authorized to work with the Mayor to jointly develop and submit an application, on behalf of the City for designation as a Tier III Municipality.

Attest:

  
John V. Bazzano  
City Clerk