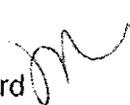


## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Date : March 19, 2012  
To : Senator Gary LeBeau  
From : Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor, Town of East Hartford   
Re : \$7,000,000. Town Flood Control System  
Bond Referendum, November 8, 2011.

I submit this written testimony with respect to Raised Bill 427, Section 3. Given scheduling conflicts, I am unable to attend the hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. this morning. Certain publication notices with respect to the above referendum were not timely. This error was driven, in part, by inconsistencies between state mandated and charter mandated publication timelines, as well as the newspaper's error in failing to publish notice when promised. All other aspects of the referendum appear to be in order. I want to emphasize that the Town of East Hartford did publish the referendum notice. The notice, however, did not fit the tight statutory timeframes.

These types of publication issues have arisen for other municipalities in the past and have been resolved through legislation. I support Raised Bill 427, Section 3, which would correct the procedural notice issues associated with the referendum. The statutory language set out in Raised Bill 427, Section 3, is acceptable to the Town of East Hartford.