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April 13, 2015

Mr. Jeff Cohen Reporter **CPBN** 1059 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT 06015-2411

Re: Docket #FIC 2014-577

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I write in follow-up to the discussion we had on April 9, 2015 regarding the above-referenced case. By way of brief background, this case was scheduled for a hearing on said date before Commissioner Hankins at the Freedom of Information Commission. Prior to beginning testimony, Commissioner Hankins inquired as to whether the case could be settled, and we agreed to discuss possible resolution. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Hennick joined us to assist in that process.

As a result of our discussion, the City has agreed to submit this letter to you, and you have agreed to withdraw your complaint. Further, in light of our settlement attempts, the Commission has postponed the hearing and will provide notice of a new hearing date in the event that these attempts ultimately fail.

With respect to the August 21, 2014 review panel meeting, which is the subject of your complaint, it is submitted as follows:

- 1. The City acknowledges that the review panel constituted a public agency as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-200(1);
- 2. The City acknowledges that the August 21, 2014 review panel meeting should have been noticed pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-225(c);
- 3. The City acknowledges that at the August 21, 2014 meeting, the review panel should have voted to enter into executive session in compliance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-225(f), to discuss matters exempt pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-210(b)(24);
- 4. The City represents that no action was taken in executive session; and

5. The City remains committed to complying with the Freedom of Information Act going forward.

Please provide my office with a copy of the withdrawal that you file with the Freedom of Information Commission.

Thank you for your cooperation in the resolution of this case.

Very truly yours,

Lori Mizerak

Assistant Corporation Counsel