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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL City Of Hartford, February 25, 2013

WHEREAS, The Immigrant Advisory Group (IAG), established under the auspices of the Hartford Public Library and consisting of entities who provide services to and interact with immigrants in the Hartford area, meets regularly to exchange information and ideas, and

WHEREAS, The IAG has identified three priorities for action: 1) to legitimize and elevate in importance the issues of new arrivals, 2) to create a means for immigrant voices to be heard and understood, and 3) to provide a way for immigrants to become civically engaged, and,

WHEREAS, The IAG has agreed that the best mechanism for addressing these priorities is the establishment of a City commission on immigrant issues, and

WHEREAS, An ad hoc committee has begun work on developing a framework for such a commission and has agreed that the creation of a City task force would enhance the credibility of their work, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby establishes a task force for the purpose of creating a commission on immigrant issues, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the task force shall include the members of the current ad hoc committee: Diana Ali, Maryse Adonis, Janet Bauer, Cecilia Chang, Letty Cotto, Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Raimonda Ibrochim, Edgar Johnson, Joseph Kalapele, Thuy Le, Fernando Maroquin, Urania Petit, Rafael Pichardo, and Fiona Williams.