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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HARTFORD'S LEADERS FOR THE IMMIGRANT
COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford is a diverse, welcoming, and multicultural community,
and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford values all of the service providers and organizations
that work to serve, enrich, and advocate for the immigrant and refugee communities here in our
city, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford values the attentive work and the services performed
by the City's Boards and Commissions, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hartford's Commission on Refugee and Immigrant Affairs
(CRIA) released its Bi-Annual Report on the State of Refugees and Immigrants in 2019, in
which they recommended that the City "Enhance networks of collaboration and communication
among agencies and organizations (including faith-based and ethnic community-based
organizations) providing services to immigrants and refugees through a central department or
agency," and

WHEREAS, CRIA release their follow-up Annual report in 2021, re-emphasizing this
suggestion as one of the community's biggest needs, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Hartford held a press conference in July 2021 to voice
support for welcoming Afghan refugees to Hartford, and noted that "the success of those
individuals will depend on the support that we provide," now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Hartford will designate an employee to operate as a liaison
for organizations and groups within the city that represent and serve the city's many immigrant
and refugee communities, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this designated liaison will coordinate with, and enhance
communication among, the many local groups working with refugees and immigrants in the
Greater Hartford area, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this designated liaison will work with members of CRIA to implement
a plan on how to best achieve the goals outlined in their request for increased communication.