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MAYOR SEGARRA ANNOUNCES PLAN TO EXTEND REVALUATION APPEAL PROCESS

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(February 15, 2012) --- Recognizing the complexity of this year's property tax legislation and the impact it has on Hartford taxpayers, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra has directed the Assessor to ensure the validity of revaluation and property values, thereby extending the deadline to file revaluation appeals to Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

"The changes in Hartford's property tax structure mean significant changes for many property owners," Mayor Segarra said. "In light of that, I have asked the Tax Assessor to take the time needed confirm the accuracy of his figures and thoroughly protect the public's fiscal interests."

Prior to Mayor Segarra's directive, the deadline to file applications to the City's Board of Assessment Appeals would have been February 20, 2012. The property tax legislation, passed in 2011 by the Connecticut General Assembly, continues the practice of assessing residential property at a lower percentage of value than commercial property. Without the law, residential taxes would have risen dramatically. However, the revaluation will have the effect of reducing the tax burden on commercial properties and will allow the City to be more competitive in terms of attracting and retaining businesses.

The legislation has altered the City's tax structure and caused uncertainty among property tax owners. To ensure that the community fully understands the changes and potential impacts, Tax Assessor John Phillip and Tax Collector Marc Nelson will conduct community outreach, providing printed materials in public libraries, City departments that are frequented by the public and various businesses. In addition, two community presentations will be held in early March.

Tax notices will be sent out this week, allowing an additional three weeks for taxpayers to file applications with the Board of Assessment Appeals. For more information on the revaluation and appeals processes, interested parties can contact the Tax Assessor's Office at 860-757-9630.

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