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To: Mayor Nystrom and members of the City Council
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Meetings held via conference call or video conferencing included meetings with Governor Lamont, State representatives and legislators, Region 4 Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Statewide COVID-19 Local Health Departments, SCCOG, School Budget Ad Hoc Committee, and Public Safety.

City staff and I have also had multiple meetings with Jason Vincent from NCDC who has been coordinating with many of the local restaurants to open for outdoor dining according to the Governors guidelines for May 20th. The City will be providing traffic barricades and picnic tables in some areas based on the restaurants plan. Downtown restaurants included for outdoor dining are Billy Wilsons, These Guys, and La Stella. Olde Tymes, 99 Restaurant, Sunset Pizza and Manny's are also planning to add outdoor areas. Restaurants resuming and working on a plan are Harp and Dragon, Scores at Holiday Inn, Caddy Shack, Canggih, 86'd, Uncle D's Blazin' BBQ, Johnny's Clam Shack and Poppy and Rye. Thank you Jason for providing the tools to assist our community restaurants to reopen Connecticut.

The Office of Community Development is accepting Community Development Block Grant applications for Program Year 45 as a substantial amendment to the current 2019-2020 annual plan until 4 pm on May 21st. Funding is available in the amount of \$506,569 and the funds must be utilized to prevent, prepare for or respond to the Covid-19 virus.

Lee-Ann Gomes, Director of Norwich Human Services and member of the Complete Count Committee has been working diligently to assist the City's residents to complete their census forms. Since the City's original outreach for the census was effected by Covid-19 she has gotten approval to allow caseworkers and volunteers to assist with phone calls to arrange census workers to contact our residents to complete the census over the phone. Thank you to the members and volunteers from the Complete Count Committee and students workers supplied from a grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and Representatives Kevin Ryan who has been instrumental in assisting the City with this plan. Everyone counts.