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Date: October 10, 2023

To: Town Council Members

From: Rich Kehoe, Chair

Re: October 11, 2023 6:00 p.m. Microsoft "Teams"

This meeting is accessible through "Microsoft Teams" 1 929-235-8441 Conference ID: 796 843 16# or Click here to join the meeting

In accordance with Section 3.3 (a) of the Town Charter, a Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held as follows:

Wednesday October 11, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

The purpose of the meeting is to meet to hear public comment, discuss and possibly vote on providing a bid waiver for the Martin Park Pool House and Terry Pool House Murals which are to be funded by the Town's ARPA art fund.

cc: Mayor Walsh

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director Paul O'Sullivan, Grants Manager

GRANTS ADMINISTRATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Michael P. Walsh

FROM: Paul O'Sullivan, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Council Bid Waiver Request – RiseUP Arts Murals

DATE: October 5, 2023

Attached is a draft Town Council Bid Waiver authorizing the Town to directly enter into contract with RiseUP Arts, Inc. for the creation of murals at Martin Park and Terry Pool,

RiseUp Arts is a firm already familiar to the East Hartford Community, through its creation of two interactive murals at the Town's Juneteenth celebration and its work on various other projects throughout Town. As one of the few organizations in central Connecticut that is initiating municipal mural projects and commissioning local artists for the work, RiseUP is uniquely qualified to continue its artistic work in East Hartford.

I respectfully request that this item be placed on the Town Council agenda for their upcoming meeting. Please contact me at extension 7206 if you have any questions.

Attachments: as stated

Cc: Eileen Buckheit, Development Director

Bid Waiver Request

"that in accordance with Section 10-7(c) of the Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances, the Town Council waive the bidding procedures required by Section 10-7(b) and allow the town to contract with the RiseUp Group, Inc, to create murals on the pool houses located at Martin Park and Terry Pool for the sum of \$19,500 in ARPA Arts funds, the same being in the best interests of the Town given the ability of the RiseUp Group, Inc, to complete the mural during October, the Town's positive experience with RiseUp Group, Inc, and the limited number of organizations currently doing mural work of this type.