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Mayor Robert Correia
City Hall
1 Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Re: TOWN HALL MEETING ON BUDGET

Dear Mayor Correia:

The current economic state of our city has left me with the impression that your administration has failed to budget properly for fiscal year 2009. During this fiscal year the city has faced layoffs, cuts in programs, and a decrease in services. I am also concerned that your financial team has failed to properly discuss the state of the city's finances with its citizens. Therefore, I am calling upon you to host a town hall meeting regarding the state of the city's finances.

The city's budget should be a transparent document. The citizens of our city deserve to know how their hard-earned tax dollars are being spent and how your administration assembled the current budget. A town hall meeting will give you and your financial team an opportunity to openly review the city's budget with its citizenry. A town hall meeting will give the citizens of our great city an opportunity to listen to your financial team and ask questions regarding the current state of the city's finances.

In addition a town hall meeting would serve as an opportunity for you to solicit public input on the projected 2010 budget. Due to the recent uncertainty surrounding our finances, I strongly believe that a town hall meeting regarding our budget will positively serve our city. As a candidate for mayor you ran on a platform of making city hall more open and responsive to the needs of citizens, this is an opportunity to fulfill that promise.

Respectfully,

Will Flanagan
Candidate for Mayor