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COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
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WHEREAS, The urban terrain of downtown Hartford is regarded by skateboarders as some of the best in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford has been internationally recognized in newspaper and magazine articles, and numerous skateboarding videos; and

WHEREAS, At times, the skateboarding community finds itself at odds with property owners and security companies due the sport's impact on ledges, stairs, and railings, in addition to the negative and rebellious perception of the sport; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, New Ross, County Wexford Park, atop Interstate 84, has been dubbed, "Heaven" by local skateboarders due to its uniquely skateboard-friendly concrete landscape. However, much of the park has fallen into disrepair; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a skate park at New Ross, County Wexford Park would assuage tense relationships between skateboarders and downtown property owners, provide a non-traditional after school option for the City's youth, and creates fringe economic development benefits for the downtown businesses; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council hereby establishes a Skateboarding Task Force comprised of various interested stakeholders to address the feasibility, design, and overall vision of the construction of a skate park at New Ross, County Wexford Park or another area in the City.