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Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

This coming week marks the one-year anniversary of my role as Executive Director (ED) of South Norwalk Community Center (SoNoCC). It has been a year highlighted with tremendous achievements here at SoNoCC but also marred by racial division within the community and internal struggles. The following is a candid, certainly revealing, and completely verifiable summary of my time here at SoNoCC with a bit of historical background to help better understand the point from which I commenced my involvement with the Center.

South Norwalk Community Center Inc. was incorporated under the laws of Connecticut in 1971. Since 1971, it has been recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c) 3 (non-profit) organization. In 1981, it moved into its present location at 98 South Main Street. Although it remains questionable as to whether or not all funding for the construction of the building was in the sole name of South Norwalk Community Center, nevertheless a Quit Claim Deed issued on August 26, 1987 and recorded on August 31, 1987 by the City of Norwalk proclaims that South Norwalk Community Center and Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now (NEON) are "tenants in common of 98 South Main Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut." On September 4, 1987 (just four days after the Quit Claim Deed was recorded) South Norwalk Community Center forfeited its status as a Connecticut corporation for failure to file state-required documents over a period of seven years dating back to 1981. From 1987 until 1995, South Norwalk Community Center was not registered as a Connecticut corporation. On September 21, 1995, a "new" South Norwalk Community Center, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of Connecticut.

From the mid-1980s until the time of her retirement in June 2013, Josie Castillo was affiliated with the South Norwalk Community Center, concluding her career as its Executive Director. Ms. Castillo's nephew and godson, Warren Pena, was named Chairman in October 2012 and I began volunteering at the Center in March 2013. My husband, Pat Ferrandino, and I were invited to a South Norwalk Community Center Board meeting in March 2013 and were surprised when the entire meeting was conducted in Spanish. My husband began volunteering at the Center in April 2013 and was asked by the Board to be my Deputy Director when I was appointed ED in June 2013. At that time, the Board of Directors consisted of Warren Pena as Chairman, Luis Miranda as Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, along with a dozen or so Board Members including two married couples and at least two undocumented immigrants (including the Secretary). The majority of business was conducted in Spanish and the minutes to the meetings were poorly written in English. Mr. Miranda, the Vice Chairman of the Board, was "in charge" of the Multi-Purpose Room rentals and was being paid directly by the clients, in cash, an hourly rate for "Security" at events in addition to an hourly room rental rate for any "extended time" taken by the clients. To the best of my knowledge, none of these funds were reported or received

to the benefit of South Norwalk Community Center. Just prior to becoming the ED, I observed, to my shock and disbelief, the sale of alcoholic beverages by Board members at a Mother's Day event. When I asked Ms. Castillo if there was a permit to sell alcohol, she stated that none was needed because we were a non-profit. I checked and found that, in fact, a permit was needed. I also discovered, prior to becoming the ED, that \$25,000 was missing from the South Norwalk Community Center's account. Mr. Pena acknowledged to me that, indeed, funds under the care and custody of Ms. Castillo were missing. I insisted that the money be returned or replaced at once and that she resign or that I would report the matter to the police. The money was subsequently received, she retired and I was thereafter appointed ED. Mr. Pena informed the Board, shortly before my commencement date as ED, that South Norwalk Community Center had been awarded a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG - PY39) for needed renovations to our first floor space. Recently, I searched and found a copy of the completed application in my office and I suspect it may be laden with potentially fraudulent misrepresentation. However, this is only speculation on my part. **clarity*

When I began my role as ED, South Norwalk Community Center did not have even one program in operation. It had one part-time paid staff and, through an odd relationship with NEON, did not appear to have any general operating expenses related to its ownership interest in the building. South Norwalk Community Center did not even have its own property and liability insurance policy. What I did come to learn, however, is that NEON's two immediate past ED's and Mr. Pena had had ongoing disputes that had resulted in our telephone lines being cut, computer access terminated and the occasional threat of loss of electricity. There was a dispute as to NEON's occupancy of space on the first floor of our building and, even, over the use of the first floor's multi-purpose room. Even stranger was the fact that, until her retirement, Ms. Castillo was on NEON's payroll as an employee. After several attempts of resolving differences between South Norwalk Community Center and NEON through a joint committee of which my husband and Mr. Pena were participants, a purportedly heated shouting match between Mr. Pena and Jack O'Dea (a NEON Board member) apparently rendered the committee ineffective. What did, however, prove to be effective were subsequent meetings between my husband and Rev. Tommie Jackson, NEON's current ED, which resulted in NEON vacating a portion of first floor space in January 2014 and, in April 2014, finally vacating the remainder of space that they had occupied on the first floor. Another incident, involving NEON and South Norwalk Community Center, occurred during the summer 2013 when a summer camp, purportedly authorized by Mr. Pena for use of multi-purpose room space as a concession to NEON, was found to be a religious camp. Ultimately, when I asked the organizers to remove all religious posters from our walls, as this would violate our status as a 501 (c) 3 organization and, after much negative attention in the press, the camp organizers decided to leave voluntarily.

As a 501 (c) 3 organization, 2013 proved to be an interesting year. As previously mentioned, the original corporation was founded in 1971 as an IRS-recognized non-profit entity and was registered with the Connecticut Secretary of State. However, soon after taking over the ED position, I discovered that the "new" corporation registered in Connecticut in 1995 was not, in fact, a recognized non-profit organization. This can be interpreted to mean that from 1995 - 2013, this "new" organization should not have been exempted from taxes, including taxes on sales revenues from multi-purpose room rentals. I contacted the CT Secretary of State's office and, through a series of document applications and Board resolutions, I was able to revert South

Norwalk Community Center back to its original 1971 status in September 2013. The Board of Directors by that time had grown to approximately 15 members, including two political allies of Mr. Pena. In fact, at that time, all three were running for City of Norwalk Common Council seats. As a result of the dissolution of the 1995 corporation, all Board members were also disbanded. However, prior to disbanding, the 1995 Board elected officers for the reinstated 1971 corporation. Suddenly, Board membership was significantly reduced in size and included among its members: Warren Pena (Chairman); Luis Miranda (Vice-Chairman); Osear Destrugue (Secretary); and; Nathalia Gonzalez (Treasurer). Luis Miranda was subsequently voted off the Board and, most recently, Ed Camacho has become Vice-Chairman. The two former Board Members and former political allies of Mr. Pena were successful in winning their seats, while Mr. Pena was not. These two former Board members have become adversarial to both Mr. Pena and to South Norwalk Community Center. An incident occurred during the week prior to the November elections that certainly raises questions in my mind as to a potential conflict of interest and potential exposure to South Norwalk Community Center in jeopardizing our status as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Several days prior to the November elections (at a time my husband and I were visiting our daughter in Texas for an extended weekend), Mr. Pena ordered printed materials for a political "get-out-to-vote" campaign and ordered pizzas for telephone canvassing personnel using his "South Norwalk Community Center" Debit Card. This political canvassing took place, without Board authorization and without my knowledge, in a room at South Norwalk Community Center. Some two weeks later, Mr. Pena entered my office in my absence and, again without Board authorization and without my knowledge, wrote out checks in payment to the telephone canvassing personnel. Approximately \$1,600 was expended out of our organization's limited reserves. He did this under the questionable auspices of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), of which South Norwalk Community Center was a Chapter affiliate. No reimbursement is forthcoming from LULAC for Mr. Pena's follies. Other expenditures, although allowable, seem a bit unnecessary and exorbitant for an organization that has such limited funds, including \$1,000 for the Board's Christmas Dinner and another \$1,000 for the pleasure of inviting guests to our table at the Mayor's Ball. Over the course of the year, Board expenditures have amounted to nearly 7% of our entire cash reserve. There are other incidents that warrant mention and relate to Mr. Pena's interference with the conduct of my business as ED and with the undermining of my authority as it relates to my subordinate staff. One bizarre incident occurred after Mr. Pena met privately with a part-time clerical named Yolanda. Following the meeting, Yolanda proudly proclaimed several times in Spanish to the bewilderment of several present at our office that, "I'm the new Latina leader!" His apparent discussions with a part-time contracted grant writer, Lauren, empowered her to accuse me of being bi-polar, accusing our Deputy Director of being, "A bigger distraction than Warren!" and further announcing to several of her cohorts at the Hispanic Federation's Leadership Institute that she would soon be replacing me as the new ED! Most recently, another part-time clerical named Fran indicated to a client that I was soon to be dismissed by our Chairman. Mr. Pena has furthermore abused his power as Chairman by inviting his family members to use the South Norwalk Community Center, on approximately 10 - 15 occasions, without anyone's knowledge or supervision to practice a routine for a birthday party that is not even booked with us! These teenagers were discovered one Saturday afternoon in our multi-purpose room, unsupervised, at a time when the Center is normally closed. His actions have also divided the Latino community. In fact, Latinos Unidos, an ad hoc group comprised of several of Mr. Pena's family and friends and in which Mr. Pena actively participates, has intentionally and unscrupulously excluded Latino

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leaders, including Mr. Gustavo Salas of Peruanos Unidos and myself.

Mr. Pena has shown complete disrespect to me in his verbal assaults, feeling completely at ease in using the "F" word at will. He did this in the presence of my husband and myself at a meeting with Hispanic Federation's Connecticut ED and also at the entrance to a public venue, as guests to a fundraiser were arriving. The latter episode of despicable behavior was directed to Norwalk's Mayor Rilling in a very aggressive and attacking manner.

Perhaps Mr. Pena's most disturbing conduct occurred in the presence of Mr. Camacho and my husband at a meeting at SoNoCC this past Friday. Mr. Pena announced that he was going to suspend me from my duties for a period of 90 days and insisted that two very loyal volunteers at the Center be dismissed for no apparent reason other than for a lack of English speaking ability! He further indicated that he wasn't concerned if our Latino client base goes away as a result of my anticipated suspension.

Juxtaposed with Mr. Pena's lack of leadership, as exhibited above, I offer the following document, "South Norwalk Community Center: By The Numbers," summarizing the accomplishments at South Norwalk Community Center during the first nine months of my involvement and leadership as ED. In addition, in 2014 South Norwalk Community Center has launched its long awaited website, sonocc.org, and has commenced an after-school program with Norwalk Public Schools that has been an overwhelming success. Our anticipated renovation project received a significant boost with the awarding of an additional \$100,000 of CDBG funding as construction is about to begin this summer. With the completion of Phase I of our renovations, South Norwalk Community Center will be ready to expand upon our vision, as detailed in our Renaissance Project brochure, "To be recognized as a leading local Agency, championing the needs of our Latino community and the greater South Norwalk community at-large, advancing its educational, economic and physical well being, helping its members achieve their highest potential as contributors to society."

I urge our Board Members to take the necessary steps to cleanse SoNoCC of its tarnished past and to purge forward by providing the necessary support to our management team so that, together, we may all be proud (but humble) in carrying on the important work we have begun.

Sincerely,

Marina Forero-Ferrandino
Executive Director