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**Preserving the Essence of Black Excellence
Arts, Education, & Entertainment**

**Letter of Support for the Resolution Establishing the North Hartford Cultural District Inc.
as Hartford's First CT State-Designated Cultural District**

Dear Members of the Hartford Court of Common Council,

On behalf of **[Your Organization's Name]**, I am honored to submit this letter in strong support of the resolution to establish the North Hartford Cultural District as the first state-designated Cultural District in the City of Hartford. This designation represents more than a symbolic milestone—it serves as a bold and necessary recognition of the enduring cultural legacy and vibrant creative spirit of North Hartford.

The establishment of this district will spotlight and uplift the North Hartford Promise Zone and the Blue Hills neighborhood—communities historically rich in Black culture, innovation, and resilience. By formally recognizing this area as a cultural district, the City of Hartford takes a transformative step toward investing in the arts, empowering community voices, and catalyzing inclusive economic development.

We applaud the City's commitment to forming a dedicated Department of Arts and Culture, and to working in collaboration with the North Hartford Cultural District leadership. Such a partnership ensures that this initiative will receive the institutional support, strategic planning, and equitable resources necessary for long-term success. **[Your Organization's Name]** proudly supports the District's vision of advancing economic vitality, deepening community engagement, and preserving our city's rich cultural traditions. We look forward to contributing to this vision by **[insert your specific contributions—e.g., offering programming, partnerships, funding, space, volunteers, etc.]**.

We respectfully urge the Hartford Court of Common Council to adopt this resolution and affirm its commitment to celebrating and sustaining Black cultural excellence in Hartford. This initiative has the potential to shape not only the future of North Hartford but also elevate our entire city as a beacon of arts, culture, and heritage.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. Please feel free to contact us at **[Your Contact Information]** for **any additional information or support**.

With respect and enthusiasm,

Organization Legal Name: _____

Organization Full Address: _____

Organization Executive Director Name: _____

Executive Director Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____



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Member MOU Agreement

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formalizes the membership commitment between North Hartford Cultural District Inc. (NHCD) and the undersigned individual member. The purpose of this agreement is to empower North Hartford-based creatives and residents by providing access to artistic platforms, economic advancement opportunities, and a growing cultural ecosystem. Through this partnership, members contribute to the shared mission of celebrating Black cultural excellence and fostering creative enterprise.

II. Membership Commitment

As an Inaugural Member of NHCD, the undersigned agrees to the following:

Membership Fee:

- A one-time payment of \$50.00 which grants membership benefits for a full calendar year (12 months) from the date of registration.
- Active Participation:
- Serve as a creative ambassador and cultural advocate, uplifting the district's goals through participation in district-led initiatives and public events.
- "Black in COLOR" Activation Access:
- Eligible to participate in the Black in COLOR: On the Ave activation series, where artist/vendor space is provided free of charge along the Albany Ave cultural corridor to share, sell, and showcase creative works to the public.
- District Creative Database Inclusion:
- Be featured in NHCD's public-facing creative directory that connects members with tourists, collaborators, and potential clients.
- Exclusive "Black Card" Member Perks:
- Receive the official NHCD Black Card, granting access to:
 - Discounts on event admissions, services, and partner business offerings
 - Early access to performance slots, vendor spaces, and workshops
 - Invitations to members-only mixers, trainings, and collaborative opportunities

III. Term & Renewal

This agreement is valid for one (1) year from the date of signature. Members may renew annually to retain access to all benefits and maintain an active status within the NHCD network.

IV. Agreement & Signature

By signing below, I affirm my commitment to the mission of the North Hartford Cultural District and agree to uphold the values of community, creativity, and collective growth.

Member Name: _____

Signature: _____

Email/Phone: _____

Date: _____

NHCD Representative Name/Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Black in COLOR: North Hartford District Hub Series
Kicking Off May 6, 2025 | 1200 Albany Ave, Hartford, CT
A Summer of Culture, Creativity & Community - On the Ave!

About the NCHD:

Our goal is to uplift and preserve Black excellence through arts, culture, education, and economic empowerment. Anchored in the vibrant Northside neighborhoods of Hartford, we are amplifying the creative and historical brilliance of North Hartford to the city, state, and nation.

As part of our inaugural phase, we invite all creatives, small businesses, and artists to join us in a fully community-organized and led cultural activation series. “Black in COLOR” will transform Albany Avenue into a living arts and culture hub—vibrant, dynamic, and impactful. This series will serve as a direct response to the negative narrative often associated with the summer months, combating violence and youth disengagement with creative, collaborative community engagement.

Join us as Black in COLOR transforms Albany Avenue into a living arts and culture hub — vibrant, casual, and consistent. Proactively attempting to combat the negative narrative and notion that “with summer months, come violence and unengaged youth.”

May - August 2025 | Tues: 5-8pm & Thurs: 11-3pm

Featuring:

🎵 Live Music & Karaoke 🎭 Comedic Caricature Artists 📖 Book Readings & Educational Shorts 🎬 Short Film Showings 🍷 Elevated Tastings & Farmers Markets 🎲 Tabletop Games & Double-Dutch 💃 Dance Instruction & Street Performances (Busking) 🎤 Open Mic + Spoken Word, and so much more...

This “Real-Time Activation of Black Excellence” will offer creatives, businesses, organizations, and community members a space to dedicate time and energy to meaningful collaboration, engagement, and empowerment.

★ Why It Matters

The NHCD is establishing Hartford’s very first State-Designated Black Cultural District. This initiative is creating an ecosystem where the talents and contributions of Black creatives, entrepreneurs, and the community can flourish. By working together, we are rewriting the narrative surrounding Hartford’s Northside—celebrating Black culture, preserving our heritage, and fostering a thriving future for generations to come.

If there was ever a time for communities to come together to preserve their heritage, culture, and pride, it’s now. Together, we rise— “We do IT better together!”

★ Action Steps:

Ready to join us?

Complete this [Interest Form](#) at your earliest convenience to secure your space. Upon completion, you will receive a follow-up to confirm your activation dates and times. Please note: there will be no drop-ins or on-the-spot space allocations. Completing the process ASAP will ensure you secure the best available spaces for your activation.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of something transformative in the heart of Hartford!



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