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David J. Rushford, City Clerk City of Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Rushford,

After consultation with the city solicitor and pursuant to section 20(b) of chapter 268A of the General Laws, I wish to make a public disclosure that my son, Caleb Encarnacion-Rivera, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Aaron and Lucretia Bancroft Scholarship Fund. I am advised by the city solicitor that this fund was established in 1885 by George Bancroft in honor of his parents to award scholarships based on "moral character, superior intelligence and need of assistance." Only income from the fund may be awarded. The financial aspects of the fund are managed by the city Trust Funds Commission and the selection of recipients is made by the committee appointed by the city manager under G.L. c. 60 §3C, the local option law local scholarship committee, as the duties of the Bancroft Scholarship trust were assigned to the section 3C committee. There is no involvement by the city council in the functioning of the Bancroft Scholarship.

Further, I wish to disclose that I played no part in his selection for this scholarship. I did not, directly or indirectly, contact any member of the selection committee or anyone associated with it. I am advised by the city solicitor, whose office provides administrative support for the committee, that the committee members, when reviewing the applications and making scholarship decisions, were not even aware that I was Caleb's mother.

Very truly yours,

Sarai Rivera, City Councilor – District Four